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City hikes lead pipe removal effort

A decade into project, toxic water lines being replaced by safer copper

By Michael Hawthorne
Chicago Tribune

Chicago spent the past decade tearing up streets to replace aging, sometimes leaky water mains, borrowing more than $400 million and doubling the cost of water to pay for the work.

On every one of the 792 miles dug up, crews hired by the Department of Water Management connected new cast-iron water mains to old lead pipes known as service lines that bring water into single-family homes and two-flats.

The department continued this routine even after a 2013 federal study of Chicago homes found it can expose people to alarming concentrations of lead, a brain-damaging metal with no safe level of exposure.

Now, with fewer than 90 miles of water mains still to be replaced, state law is forcing city workers and contractors for the first time to pull out toxic pipes at the same time.

Starting last week on the 3100 block of South Ridgeway Avenue in Little Village, crews are going house by house reconnecting Chicagoans to the municipal water system with safer copper pipes.

The project marks the beginning of a more concerted effort to rid the nation's third-largest city of roughly 400,000 lead service lines, which Chicago required by law until the end of 1986, decades after most other cities banned use of the toxic metal to convey drinking water.

"We are happy they are finally beginning to address this problem, though it's taken them far too long," said Kim Wasserman, executive director of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization.

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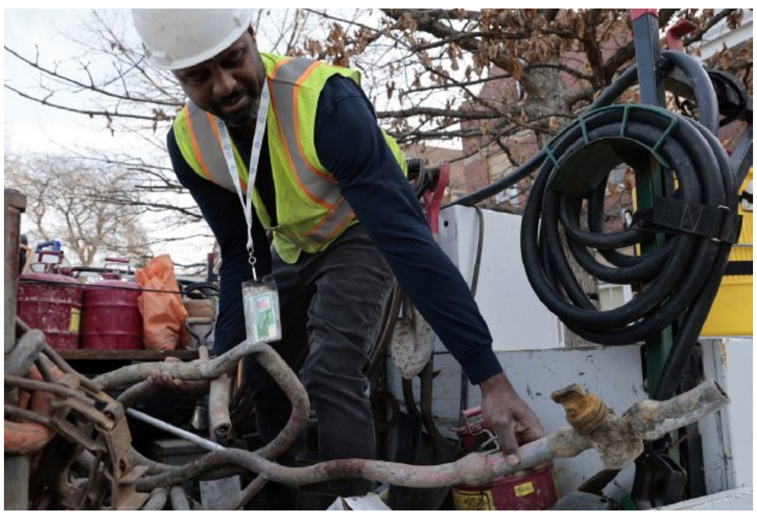

Blackhawk Sewer & Water's Khaild Waarith holds a lead pipe extracted from South Ridgeway Avenue. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

STILL A TRENDSETTER AT 50

Odds are Willis Tower, downtown will bounce back yet again

Willis Tower reflects the morning sunrise in downtown Chicago on Wednesday. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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By Brian J. Rogal
Chicago Tribune

On a windy spring day 50 years ago this week, John Porzuczek helped guide the final piece of steel into place on what was then known as Chicago's Sears Tower.

Placement of the beam — painted white and signed by thousands of Sears employees — ended nearly three years of construction that required Porzuczek and other ironworkers to climb up and down the steadily rising tower, wearing up to 70 pounds of tools around their waists. They frequently raced each other, Porzuczek said.

Porzuczek spent his days walking along the steel girders on the tower's highest reaches, an elite assignment. Safety standards were looser in the early 1970s, he recalled.

"If it was windy, we would crawl, but we hardly ever tied off," Porzuczek said. "Now, you can't walk around like that with a harness."

Porzuczek, 73, said he still feels pride when he sees the tower.

"It gives you a real sense of accomplishment," he said.

The 110-story skyscraper at 233 S. Wacker Drive was topped out May 3, 1973. It ended the Empire State Building's four-decade reign as the world's tallest building and transformed the West Loop into a glittering office corridor.

"Along with the Standard Oil Building, it set the tone for the entire market," said Goldie Wolfe Miller, who spent decades leasing downtown buildings. "All of a sudden, we became a mecca of first-class quality office buildings."

Now called Willis Tower, the building has been a trendsetter since its debut. After starting life as a headquarters for Sears, Roebuck & Co., the building saw its namesake tenant relocate to the suburbs. Along with the rest of downtown, it suffered other blows, including fears raised by the terrorist attacks of 2001 and the

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Ex-inmate's success story takes dark turn

After being imprisoned at age 17, then released, he's accused of murders

By William Lee
Chicago Tribune

The Wednesday in January 2017 when Steven Hawthorne walked out of Stateville Correctional Center, criminal justice advocates hailed it as an ultimate triumph: He was a free man for the first time in 33 years after being sentenced as a teenager to life in prison for the double murder of an alleged neighborhood bully and a bystander.

Over the next three years, Hawthorne was seen as a successful example of integrating former prisoners into society. He earned a certification for fixing heating and cooling systems. He volunteered at the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University, where law students worked to help free him. He was also a big brother figure managing a transitional housing for formerly incarcerated men, a role featured in a Tribune article in 2019.

But over time, cracks began to appear in Hawthorne's new lease on life. In February 2020, he was arrested for gun possession. In January, he was arrested after police found five firearms, including an AR-15 rifle, during a traffic stop, according to court records.

Now his run-ins with the law have taken a violent turn. Cook County prosecutors accuse Hawthorne — a former shining example of successful inmate reentry into society — of committing a grisly new double homicide

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Steven Hawthorne, who was sentenced at age 17 to life in prison, is released from Stateville Correctional Center in Crest Hill on Jan. 18, 2017. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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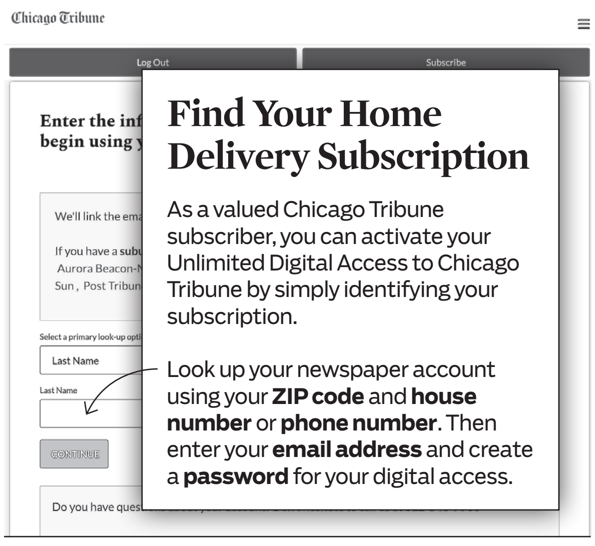

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Rolling Meadows High School Principal Eileen Hart, right, and Megan Kelly, left, in the lobby of the school Monday. Kelly is the director of academic programs and pathways in District 214. She will replace Hart. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Retiring Rolling Meadows leader named 2023 principal of the year

Eileen Hart to end 12-year run at high school this year

By Zareen Syed
Chicago Tribune

Rolling Meadows High School Principal Eileen Hart is capping off her 12-year run with a bang. Not only did Hart welcome first lady Jill Biden and Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to the school in November, she was also named 2023 Illinois High School Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association.

Hart is retiring from the school at the end of this school year, leaving behind an inclusive community she helped cultivate.

"I just hope people at this school continue to take student interaction to the next level," Hart said. "There's definitely a part of retiring that's bittersweet but much more sweet — this district allowed me to dream."

Gina Seaton, a Rolling Meadows special education teacher who primarily works with students on the autism spectrum, said Hart has been instrumental in bridging the gap between students in the special education program and their peers.

For example, the school has a store where students in graphic design classes sell T-shirts and rally towels they create. Students in the special education program work in the store and fill orders, which helps them develop communication and leadership skills.

"Kids on the autism spectrum are generally limited with career pathway type courses but because of Eileen's vision, there are more avenues for them," Seaton said.

Prior to Hart's tenure, Rolling Meadows High School had only one class to help students on the autism spectrum with social communication skills and executive functioning. But a newer program called Fine Arts Workshop, a collaboration between Seaton and Hart, takes those skills further.

Seaton said half of the class includes students on the autism spectrum who work with classmates on various projects and activities.

Much of Hart's commitment to special education began when she was hired as an instructional assistant in special education 33 years ago, working with students at Wheeling High School.

Hart said her passion led her to create opportunities for students with varied interests and needs using education pathways.

Education pathways, funded in part by an Illinois State Board of Education grant, are built for students to explore future careers while in high school by providing them with resources and classes to try new things.

Six years ago, Hart toured the Cook County Farm Bureau, the county's largest general farm organization, and saw the positive impact of agriculture and sustainability on society.

"I really wanted to bring that into the high school," she said. "I was able to hire two creative teachers to create an agriculture pathway." Within that pathway is a food science course and an agricultural biology class.

According to Lazaro Lopez, associate superintendent of District 214, Rolling Meadows High School is one of the only high schools offering an agriculture pathway in north Cook County. He said Hart also secured the funding to build a state-of-the-art greenhouse and recruit staff for its upkeep.

"During her tenure, Eileen has led with courage and conviction, turning around years of stagnant academic growth (and) expanding access to early college opportunities," Lopez said.

He said her work implementing nationally recognized career pathways earned her recognition from the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education as the 2022 Advocacy Award recipient.

Hart said her goal in creating the pathways is to pique students' interests in areas they wouldn't otherwise experience.

"Students are brilliant; they'll find their way. But they have to first see what they want to be a part of," she said. "When they walk in our lab and see a high-mileage car that was built by students or they go to the greenhouse and they see what sustainability and food science means, that's how it becomes really inclusive."

Another one of Hart's visions is the school's therapy dog program, which has been around for four years and is offered once a semester after school and is open to all district students and staff.

"The dogs are just everything — if you were to do a measurement of emotional well-being for staff and students, the dogs have just been instrumental, especially up in student services," Seaton said. "I'm at my desk right now and my desk partner behind me is Cash."

Cash is one of the therapy dogs used to train students and staff to be a handler.

Therapy animals, unlike service animals or emotional support animals, are privately owned and visit facilities and places to provide affection and comfort to people. Students and staff can also enroll their own dogs in the high school's program to be trained as therapy dogs.

Hart said her own dog, Riley, is one of the pups going through training. "We probably have 16 teachers now and their dogs trained, and we rotate coming in," she said.

Seaton said the dogs are also available for emotional support. "The dogs are brought to the office whenever a student is having an emotionally tough time, which has been frequent since the pandemic," she said. "When the dogs are here, their faces brighten up. If it wasn't for Eileen, we wouldn't have these four-legged creatures walking around creating a better environment."

Rolling Meadows career and technical education teacher Dave Wietrzak nominated Hart for the Principal of the Year award, citing her dedication to diversity, equity and inclusion and a curriculum that recognizes cultural differences.

"Eileen is insightful and respected by students and staff," he said. "(She) has been an effective leader and has positively impacted our school because of her work ethic, personality and desire to improve our school's culture for the betterment of students."

Megan Kelly, District 214's director of academic programs and pathways, will replace Hart.

The Illinois Principals Association said in a statement that its award recognizes a person who demonstrates a positive impact on education and advocacy for children, ensures the school climate is positive, reflects high staff and student morale, involves the community in the life of the school and uses community resources for students.

"Eileen has a proven track record of providing effective, student-centered leadership for her entire learning organization," the group said. "While there was an outstanding pool of nominees, her innovation, service and dedication to her students put her at the top."

Hart said that although the award was an "absolute and total surprise," listening to teachers has been the key to the school's success.

"It's about working in collaboration on the dream because it's going to be awesome," Hart said. "That's why we are here."

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Deerfield meeting delayed after residents oppose project

By Gavin Good
Pioneer Press

Deerfield officials called off a Thursday night Plan Commission meeting and rescheduled it for May 11 after so many residents crowded into Village Hall they feared moving forward might violate village code or the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Many area residents have voiced opposition to commercial real estate company Bridge Industrial's plan to redevelop the 101-acre site of health care company Baxter International's headquarters into an industrial business park. The site, technically in unincorporated Lake County, lies across the street from the Thorngate subdivision in Riverwoods.

Representatives from Bridge Industrial were expected to present its proposal Thursday for Deerfield to annex the land and rezone it to allow for construction of two large industrial buildings, as well as a recreational facility to be operated by the Deerfield Park District, which their proposal says "expressed a high level of interest" in the idea.

Thorngate resident Caron Blitz said there were hundreds of people at Village Hall on Thursday night as opposition has quickly risen up against Bridge Industrial's plans for the site.

"We're just beginning to do research," Blitz said Friday morning.

Blitz said the main meeting and overflow space were full, and people were standing "shoulder-to-shoulder" in parts of building. She added that residents want the rescheduled meeting to be held later, in early June, so they have a reasonable amount of time to review hundreds of pages of planning documents that were recently made public.

In that time, a petition — calling on the village of Deerfield and its Plan Commission members to reject the proposal — has garnered more than 3,300 signatures.

The planning documents project that more than 600 trucks could enter and exit the proposed industrial business park on a typical day, causing an estimated 10% increase in traffic along Saunders Road. The Baxter headquarters site sits directly across from the Thorngate subdivision and shares a traffic signal where residents enter and exit at the intersection of Saunders Road and Thorngate Lane.

Attempts to reach representatives of Bridge Industrial or Baxter ahead of Thursday's scheduled meeting were unsuccessful.

Deerfield assistant village manager and director of community development Andrew Lichterman said village officials, "did our best to accommodate as much overflow" as they could and acquired additional chairs, but the Plan Commission members decided to continue the matter once they determined all attendees could not meaningfully participate in the meeting.

According to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, members of the public present for a meeting of a public body must be able to, "hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of the members of the body," except in unusual cases, in which the public body must make alternative arrangements and provide adequate notice to the public.

Lichterman confirmed the village is working to identify a suitable site to host the May 11 meeting. He added that the Plan Commission is unable to continue a meeting for more than 30 days, and must meet before the date in early June requested by residents.

CHICAGOLAND

Hours of chaos: Reports paint grim picture

Latest violence in Loop puts police under scrutiny

By Sam Charles and Rosemary Sobol
Chicago Tribune

By Chicago's standards, the winter was relatively mild.

Still, with temperatures near 80 degrees — the warmest weekend in months — hundreds of city youths headed to 31st Street Beach in the twilight hours of Friday, April 14, where a young teen was shot in the leg.

It might have served as a warning to some, as another "teen takeover" unfolded in the heart of downtown the following night, and two teen boys were shot and wounded near Millennium Park.

More than a dozen police reports obtained by the Tribune show how the chaos unfolded as Chicago police for hours struggled to control hundreds of teens and young adults as they darted through traffic, smashed windows and carried out acts of violence.

Large outdoor gatherings of young people aren't new in Chicago, and the "teen takeover" events — organized on social media, usually a few days in advance — have sometimes turned violent. The gatherings have largely vexed the last two mayors and three Chicago Police Department superintendents. Strategies to handle the youth meet-ups are among the criteria being used to grade candidates for the CPD superintendent job.

Viral cellphone video and news footage of the chaos from April 15 once again renewed criticism of the city's efforts to tamp down violent crime.

Meanwhile, the police department has opened an internal investigation to probe allegations that officers failed to intervene after they saw a couple being attacked by a mob of teens.

Sources have said the unruly gathering was exacerbated by a slow response from CPD leadership, which itself is in a transition period before Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson chooses a new police superintendent to replace outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot's handpicked leader, David Brown.

The disturbances came less than a year after the fatal shooting of another teen boy near The Bean prompted a curfew order and promises from officials that such disorder wouldn't happen again.

CPD officers arrested more than a dozen people in the downtown area two weekends ago. A review of those reports showed police were often faced with unruly suspects — sometimes juveniles armed with guns.

'Multiple physical altercations'

Police reports show at 8:45 p.m. a 19-year-old and another unidentified person were among a large crowd in the first block of North Michigan Avenue that was slowly making its way south from Millennium Park when "multiple physical altercations" erupted.

The teen and another person began fighting, the reports show, and both were taken into custody.

Less than 45 minutes later officers monitoring the crowd at 50 E. Madison St. suddenly heard a call of shots fired in the area. A "10-1" emergency was called over police dispatch radios, prompting a large response from nearby cops, and a description of the shooter was also provided, a police report said. Police tried to stop an 18-year-old who ran into the street, "entering into oncoming traffic," and caused several cars to swerve in and out of the way in a reckless manner that endangered the safety of multiple citizens, the report said.

He was brought into custody at 9:43 p.m., taken to a police station and charged with reckless conduct.

Security guards watch over The Bean sculpture in Millennium Park on April 23 in downtown Chicago. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A group of young adults and juveniles dance on the roofs of vehicles in the streets of downtown Chicago the night of April 15. **NETWORK VIDEO PRODUCTIONS**

Not a new challenge

Large-scale youth gatherings downtown have been a regular occurrence during warm-weather months for the last decade. CPD has responded to and monitored countless organized protests and marches through the Loop, especially in the years since the release of the Laquan McDonald shooting video sparked outrage across the city.

Fred Waller retired from CPD as chief of patrol nearly three years ago. The disorganized, random nature of the "teen takeover" events, Waller said, makes them especially challenging for police.

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>
> *— Fred Waller, who retired from CPD as chief of patrol nearly three years ago*

"The difference, really, is that most of the time these guys don't have any real leaders that you can talk to," Waller said. "When you have a planned protest, you've got people that you can talk to who's the organizer or whatever, and they'll tell you, 'We want to go here, we want to go there,' and you block the streets off or you have enough bike officers to go that route and walk the route with them.

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Another shooting near The Bean

Just before 9:30 p.m. shots were fired in the 200 block of East Randolph. CPD officers were stationed nearby to monitor for "large crowds of teens" who were obstructing traffic, according to a department arrest report.

Soon after, the situation escalated when a 16-year-old boy from Austin climbed onto an awning above a staircase at the Washington/Wabash CTA train station, refusing to come down, according to police records. Meanwhile, another round of gunfire erupted at 205 E. Randolph St. as CPD officers worked to disperse the crowd.

The teen then allegedly jumped down from the awning and was swarmed by CPD officers. While being taken into custody, police allegedly found a loaded gun on him, according to an arrest report.

The teen told detectives he doesn't talk to his parents, who live in Alabama, and his uncle agreed to pick him up from the police station, where the teen was charged with reckless conduct and unlawful possession of a handgun, the report said.

The 16-year-old's arrest was apparently unrelated to the shooting that occurred nearby just minutes earlier.

There, a 16-year-old boy and 17-year-old boy from the city's West Side were standing between two crowds near the Chicago Cultural Center when an assailant wearing all black with a mask fired multiple times and hit them in the legs and arms, police said.

No one has been arrested in that attack.

Around the corner from the Chicago Cultural Center, a 15-year-old girl was charged with mob action after she attempted to break a police line twice, according to a police report.

It happened about 9:25 p.m. at 25 E. Washington St., where "officers formed a line with other officers and began to give verbal commands to disperse the large crowd."

At 10 p.m., 28-year-old Marvin Benites, of Plano, was seen "jumping up and down" on CTA property at 100 N. Wabash Ave., where police were handling "disorderly" crowds. When officers told him to leave he allegedly refused and was booked and taken into custody.

At 11:20 p.m. police arrested three people — a 16-year-old, along with an 18-year-old and a 19-year-old — who were in the first block of South State Street as officers monitored a "mass gathering and unruly crowds," according to a police report.

The teens were allegedly seen kicking the head of a person who was on the ground, the report said. As officers tried to arrest them, they each allegedly resisted and were later charged with reckless conduct and interference with officers.

Shortly after midnight on April 16 officers were in the 100 block of North Garland Court monitoring a "large, unruly mob that had been running amok throughout the downtown area for several hours, attacking police officers, terrorizing pedestrians, damaging property and firing shots from a gun," according to a report.

Four teens, including a 19-year old, two 18-year-olds and a 17-year-old were seen around a marked police car. After they appeared to look inside it, officers worried the car might be burglarized and approached the four, who ran south on Garland to Washington and Madison, causing motorists to take "evasive action" to avoid hitting them, a report said.

All four were charged with reckless conduct.

Around 1 a.m. a 14-year-old boy from the Jefferson Park neighborhood was among hundreds of teens causing a disturbance in the 300 block of West Monroe Street.

Once officers dropped the boy off at the Wentworth District station to be booked, he was still angry and "continually threatened officers," the report said. He was taken to Comer Children's Hospital when he complained his wrists were injured because the handcuffs were too tight.

Officers tried three times to reach his guardian but were unsuccessful, according to the report, which said the boy was charged with aggravated assault of a police officer and interference with a public officer and resisting an officer.

A slow police response

A curfew imposed after the shooting at The Bean last year appeared to slow the momentum of the gatherings, but the unusually warm weekend weather brought more young people to the center of Chicago apparently looking to challenge police.

The officers who responded focused on containing the crowd of hundreds instead of moving into the fray, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, previously said. The strategy allowed the gathering to continue, he said.

A Walgreens was looted, a break-in was attempted at the Art Institute, two Chicago Transit Authority buses were attacked, the windows and windshields of a number of vehicles were broken, a couple was beaten and robbed, a police officer suffered a broken bone, another officer was mobbed and had his radio stolen and two teens were shot, Hopkins said.

In response to the violence, the CPD assigned extra officers to monitor the downtown area last weekend. No disturbances or arrests were reported. Several hundred people marched throughout the downtown area to demonstrate to wayward youth that community elders are there to support them.

Several high-ranking CPD officials who are typically responsible for the downtown area were unavailable to respond, according to police sources. Two leaders, including Area 3 Deputy Chief Jill Stevens, were on furlough, and the captain of the Central District was on vacation, according to one CPD supervisor.

Deputy Chief Matt Cline was assigned as the department's street deputy on Saturday, and he was eventually summoned downtown to lead the department's response, the supervisor said. Before Cline's arrival, no officers downtown held a rank above lieutenant, which prohibited them from requesting more officers to assist, the supervisor said.

Lightfoot, Johnson react

The following Monday Lightfoot said the city's youth have every right to spend time in the downtown area so long as they don't engage in violence or property destruction.

"It's not the first time that we've addressed these issues, but our young people have an opportunity and a right to enjoy the entirety of our city, but they have to do it in a way that is respectful for people and property," Lightfoot told reporters.

Johnson called the criminal activity "unacceptable" but added that "it is not constructive to demonize youth who have otherwise been starved of opportunities in their own communities."

Lightfoot had her weekly meeting with CPD leaders the following Tuesday, and she pressed department brass about why officers struggled to contain the crowds, sources previously told the Tribune.

The events of April 15 were still top of mind for many who attended a South Side public forum to discuss the ongoing search for the next CPD superintendent.

"Parents need to be charged and penalized for their children's behavior," one speaker at the forum, Flora Williams, said to applause. "Until we do that nothing is going to change."

Anthony Driver Jr., president of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, later said that strategies to address the gatherings are among the criteria used to evaluate applicants for the job.

"There's a number of issues that we face in our city and, (with) each of them, we plan on asking superintendent candidates how they would handle the situation," Driver said.

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Gun buyers flock to stores after judge's injunction

Ruling blocked enforcement of ban on some sales

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

Roger Krahl, president of R Guns, left, gives information to Zack Johnson about a weapon on Saturday in Carpentersville. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Suburban gun shop owners were swamped with weekend crowds after a federal judge in the district court for the Southern District of Illinois issued an injunction Friday, blocking enforcement of the state's January ban on military-style firearms.

When Roger Krahl, owner of RGuns in Carpentersville, heard about the injunction, he said the phones in his office lit up like a Christmas tree.

"Within 15 minutes, we had people coming in," Krahl told the Tribune on Saturday. "There was a line outside the door before I could open up this morning. There will be no lunch today, because we'll be going nonstop."

Krahl told the Tribune he was "overjoyed" when he got word of the ruling by Trump-appointed U.S. District Judge Stephen McGlynn.

Writing that "a constitutional right is at stake," McGlynn found the plaintiffs in the case showed the law caused an "irreparable harm" by denying them the ability to "purchase their firearm of choice" and "exercise their right to self-defense in the manner they choose."

Two other federal judges from northern Illinois have upheld the ban, and Democratic Attorney General Kwame Raoul has filed an appeal to McGlynn's ruling and Raoul has also filed a motion in federal court to have the ruling not go into effect, pending the outcome of the appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Maxon Shooter's Supply owner Dan Eldridge said he hasn't seen this level of business at his Des Plaines establishment since the panic buying that occurred immediately following the first COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020.

Eldridge said he expects record crowds and panic buying to continue into next week, as courts move forward with the ruling.

Eldridge, who is also president of Federal Firearm Licensees of Illinois, called the ownership of military-use rifles, like M-16s, with AR-15s, a "constitutionally protected activity." He said many gun owners have lost over half their revenue since the bill was signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker earlier this year.

On Friday, owners pulled their high power firearms inventory out from storage.

Eldridge said Maxon puts five to six thousand students through self-defense programs each year — basic pistol safety, rifle classes and medical emergency training. Even as sales have dropped since January, he said, demand for defense training has increased.

AR-15s have been blamed for many mass shootings in the U.S., but Eldridge said they are excellent self-defense weapons.

"Living in Chicago raises obvious self-defense issues," Eldridge said. "If somebody is ready to spend $250 and 16 hours of their time on a concealed carry class, that's a pretty good indication that they do have some concerns about personal safety."

Eldridge said AR-15s have instant recoil, are comfortable to shoot and adaptable to people of all different heights while Krahl called AR-15s: "Barbie for guys."

The ban goes well beyond assault rifles. It addresses large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 10 rounds for long guns and 15 rounds for handguns, and devices that increase the firing rates of a firearm, known as "switches."

Friday's ruling does not apply to the law's ban on "switches," and it doesn't affect an additional provision extending firearm restraining orders to take guns away from people who are a danger to themselves or others.

Krahl's said his statewide sales plummeted 90% in January. He stressed that passing laws to take firearms away from law-abiding citizens is not the solution.

"A gun is a gun," said Krahl. "If you want to increase penalties for committing crimes with a firearm, my industry is 100% behind it."

Eldridge said that he plans to continue to fight the law so his members can earn their livelihoods and serve their customers. He said the law was a knee-jerk reaction to last summer's deadly mass shooting in Highland Park.

"It belies some pretty ugly perspectives from the gun control people that a tragic mass shooting is worth engaging in a constitutional battle, when the number of people who are murdered in Chicago each weekend don't drive them to do anything," Eldridge said.

Zack Johnson, of Woodstock, purchased a TRR15 rifle Saturday at RGuns. He was at work when he heard about the district court ruling, and his phone went off with elated texts from friends and co-workers.

"I'm fairly excited that I got my rights back," Johnson said. "We live in the United States, we should follow the Constitution and be able to do what law-abiding citizens are able to do."

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Waukegan program plants trees in memory of crime victims

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

Friends or families of people killed by violent crime can have a tree planted.
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

Several patches of trees are about to begin sprouting at a number of Waukegan parks in memory of individuals killed in violent crimes.

The Waukegan Park District is rolling out its Tree of Life initiative so family or friends of people killed during a violent crime can plant a tree in the victim's memory at a Waukegan park in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which ends Saturday.

With a $20,000 grant from the Crime Victims' Service Fund of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court based in Waukegan, Tim Girmscheid, the Park District's manager of planning services, said there is no cost to the people who request a tree planting.

"We see this as a way to honor a person who passed away because of a violent crime," he said. "It can be in any park in need of trees, which is a majority of them."

Though people can request a tree planting at any time during the year, Girmscheid said planting will take place in May or September, which is the ideal time to put trees in the ground to allow for proper growth.

Girmscheid said anyone wishing for a tree planted in memory of a crime victim can complete the necessary form on the Park District's website. The cast bronze plaque on an original concrete block at the foot of the tree will read, "In memory of" and the individual's name.

Kasey Morgan, the Lake County Court's public information officer, said the Crime Victims' Services Fund was established in late 2009 to provide services to crime victims and their families.

Morgan said $2 a month is taken from probation fees which people convicted of crimes are required to pay while they remain on probation. The time period can last for an average of five years.

As the fund grew for more than 10 years, Morgan said court officials felt there was a sufficient amount by last year to let the community know grants were available for organizations wishing to do something to help crime victims or their families.

When the grant opportunity became available, Quincy Bejster, the Park District's director of parks, said officials began discussing ways to make a difference, and potentially help people heal from the loss of a loved one as the result of a crime.

"We discussed ways we could use the funds, and got the idea of planting trees." he said. "We found a way to make it happen. We're doing this to support families and help them heal. It will be a place they can go to remember someone they loved."

"It's a chance to be part of a family's healing process," Girmscheid added.

With an average cost of $700 to acquire and plant a tree already 6 to 10 feet tall, Girmscheid said there is funding for approximately 30 trees. One was reserved last summer and planted in the fall in Bevier Park in memory of a murder victim.

Once the 30 trees are planted, Bejster said he anticipates the program will continue with a different funding source, so people can continue to find a way to remember a loved one.

"We would look for external funding, or look at our budget to make it happen," he said.

Those making a request do have some choices to make. Girmscheid said people are given a selection of parks, because there may be a specific location which is meaningful to them or the person whose memory they are honoring.

Girmscheid said as soon as the tree is planted, it will be noticeable.

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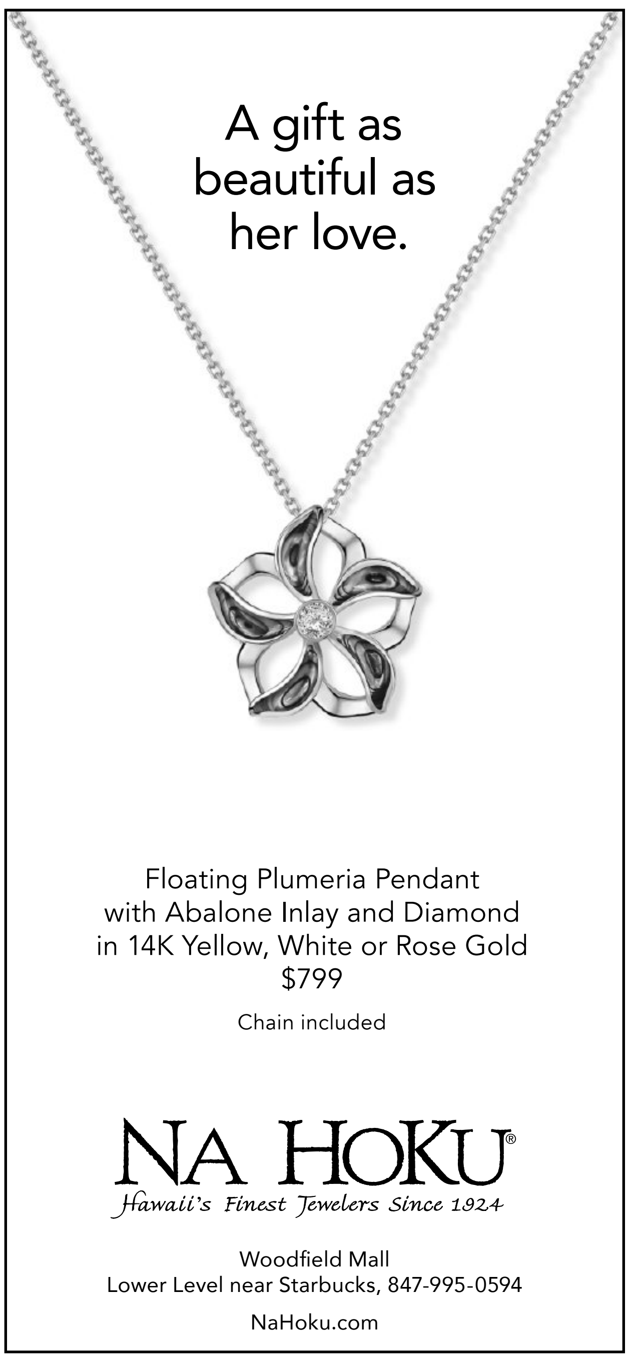

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Governors State faculty, staff ratify 3-year pact

Contract includes raises and paid parental leave

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Faculty and staff at Governors State University will earn raises totaling 14% over three years as part of a new contract approved by members of the University Professionals of Illinois, according to the union.

The tentative contract had been announced April 17, and teachers at the University Park school completed voting Wednesday, with 97% of voting members accepting the agreement, the union said Thursday.

Teachers had walked off the job April 11 and returned to classrooms April 18 after the tentative deal was announced. It was the first time UPI had struck the school.

"Our new contract is a step in the right direction for our members, GSU students, and the future of this institution," Mike Hart, union president, said in a news release announcing the contract ratification.

Hart said the union and GSU administration have, through the new contract, worked out a solution to address what the union described as excessive workloads for faculty advisers.

The contract also provides five weeks of paid leave for new parents, including instances of adoption and foster care, according to the union, which represents a little more than 230 faculty and staff at GSU.

Teachers and staff had been working under the terms of a previous contract that lapsed in August, and contract negotiations began last June. A federal mediator had been involved in recent bargaining sessions.

Hart said Thursday that 200 UPI members had voted in favor of the contract and six were opposed, and the agreement needs to be approved by the university's board. A board meeting is scheduled for Friday and the contract is on the agenda.

Hart said raises in the first year are retroactive to when the last contract lapsed last August, and union members will be seeing raises of 4% in the first year of the new agreement along with individual bonuses of $2,000.

Raises will be 2.5% in the second and third years, and each of those years will bring an increase of $1,000 to members' base wages, he said.

The union had sought a total of 15% in increases over three years, with bumps of 5% each year, Hart said.

"We get very close to what we wanted," he said of the new contract.

On the matter of faculty adviser caseloads, Hart said the union and university administration have agreed to rework language in the contract that is hoped to ease caseloads.

He said that it was agreed that "it was a system that just wasn't working," and although it is a positive step that the issue is being addressed, there are no guarantees about what might come out of changes.

"Hopefully it works," Hart said. "It's going to be a test."

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Aurora OKs $9.5M road resurfacing plan

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

The Aurora City Council has approved about a $9.5 million road resurfacing plan for 2023.

Aldermen on Tuesday night approved the contract with Geneva Construction Co., of Aurora, which was the only qualified bidder for the 2023 program.

The contract includes resurfacing of more than 43 miles of streets throughout the city. That compares to almost 36 miles done in 2021, and a program for more than 40 miles in 2022. The 2022 program still is going on because there was an operators' strike during the year that delayed some of the work.

Overall, the city maintains about 1,300 lane miles, and those streets have pavement with a surface life expectancy of 20 to 25 years.

The contract will be paid for by a combination of motor fuel tax funds from the state, local motor fuel funds collected separately by the city of Aurora, some federal Community Development Block Grant funding, and some money from the city's capital projects funds.

Because there is federal funding in the mix, the city's local preference ordinance did not apply to the contract.

The actual amount of the city program was to be about $9.35 million, but another $115,000 was added to the work for the 9th Ward, to be paid for by 9th Ward funds. That money will do some work on streets that were not in the program at first.

In combination with approving the contract, the council also appropriated $3.8 million from the state motor fuel tax fund to put toward the program. Another $2 million will come from the city's own motor fuel tax charged on gas purchased in Aurora.

The city has the $2 million in the local fund. The city estimates it will collect another $1.7 million from the local fuel tax this year.

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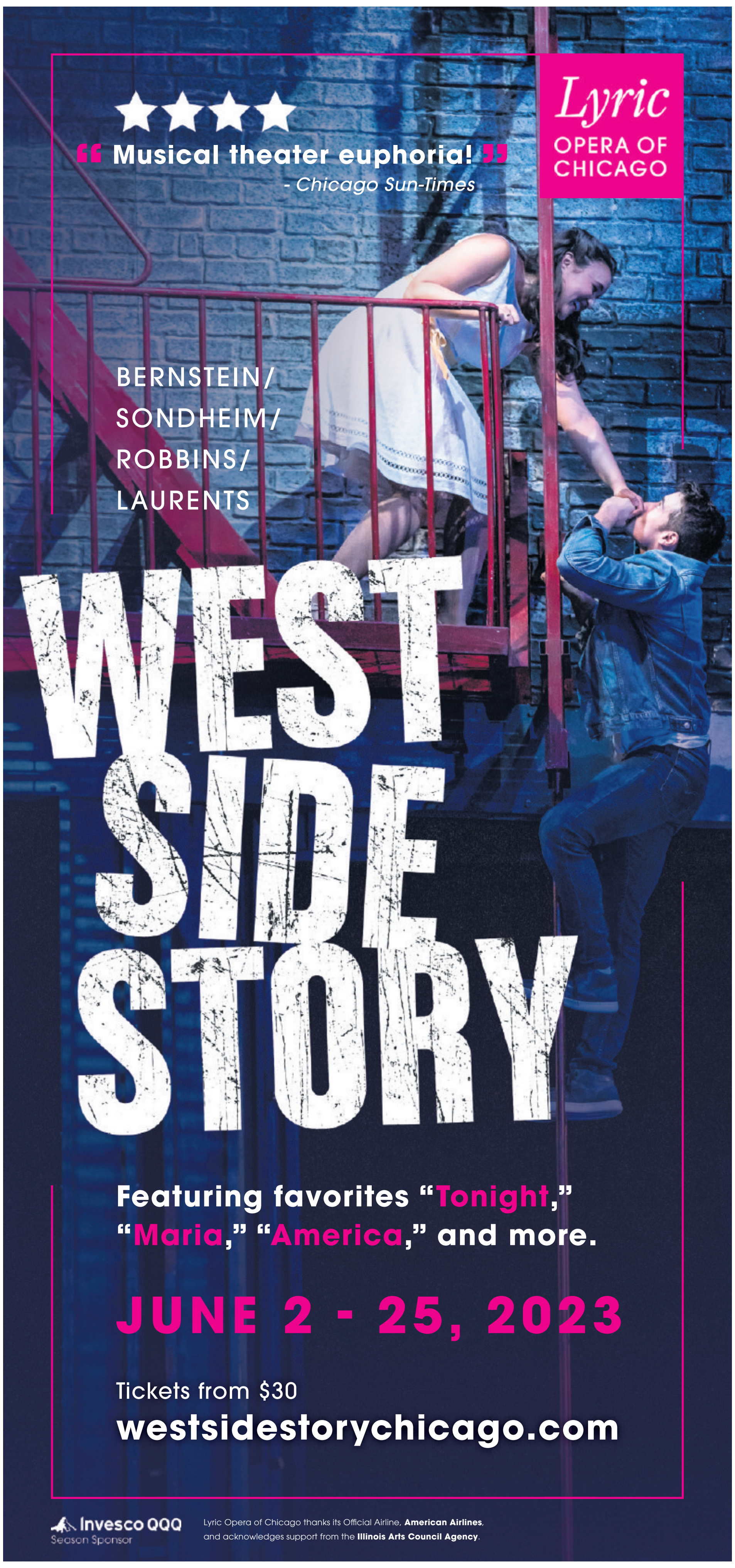
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A rendering shows Otto Veterans Square, an affordable housing development for military veterans launched this week in Chicago Heights. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY

Chicago Heights breaks ground on vet housing

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

A $30 million development to provide affordable housing to military veterans has broken ground in Chicago Heights on property that was once home to St. James Hospital.

Otto Veterans Square is being developed by the Housing Authority of Cook County, and will offer 82 apartment units.

It is being built on a portion of the former parking lot of St. James Hospital, which closed in September 2018. Demolition of the former hospital began in 2019.

“Every veteran deserves a home, and this new development will help us move a step closer to achieving our goal of making sure every veteran in Cook County is provided with access to decent, safe and affordable housing,” Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said in a news release.

Amenities will include an exercise room, media room, walking paths and raised planting beds for community gardens, according to the county, and service animals will be welcomed with their own entry and activity spaces inside and out.

Supportive services will be provided to residents of the development by both the Department of Veterans Affairs and Respond Now, a Chicago Heights-based social services agency that works to alleviate hunger and homelessness.

“The initiative between the City of Chicago Heights and the Housing Authority of Cook County to revitalize the property formerly occupied by Franciscan Hospital with a modern, 82-unit veterans housing development represents both a dignified and deserved investment in our military veterans,” Chicago Heights Mayor David Gonzalez said in the news release.

The formal groundbreaking of the project took place Wednesday.

All of the apartment units will receive rent subsidies from the Housing Authority, and rents will be set at a sliding scale so that residents pay no more than 30% of their income on rent, according to the county.

All residents will have incomes at or below 50% of the Area Median Income for the Chicago region, as set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to the county.

Leasing is expected to start in summer 2024, and there will be a site-based waiting list, according to Richard Monocchio, executive director of the Housing Authority.

He said the county will announce the opening of the waiting list and accept applications both online and at the site.

The county will also notify those people on its various waiting lists who identify as veterans of the new housing coming available, he said.

The development is being financed by the assistance of low-income housing tax credits and bank financing, according to the county.

Otto Veterans Square is the first new development to emerge from the Downtown/East Side Choice Neighborhoods Plan, which was jointly developed by Chicago Heights and the Housing Authority and funded by a $350,000 grant from HUD.

The broader plan calls for new housing developments in the city, with catalyst projects identified such as Otto Square as well as green space improvements.

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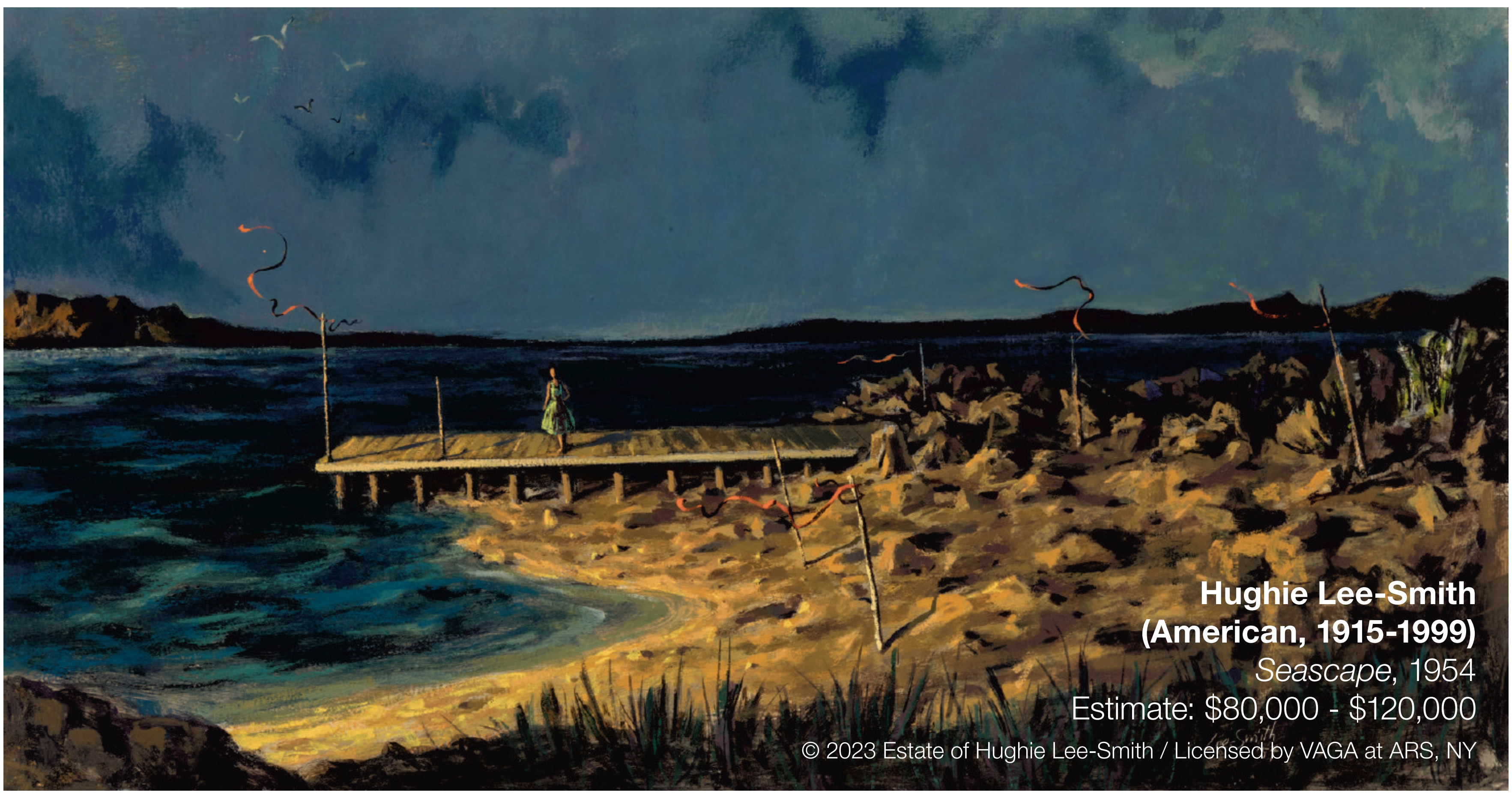

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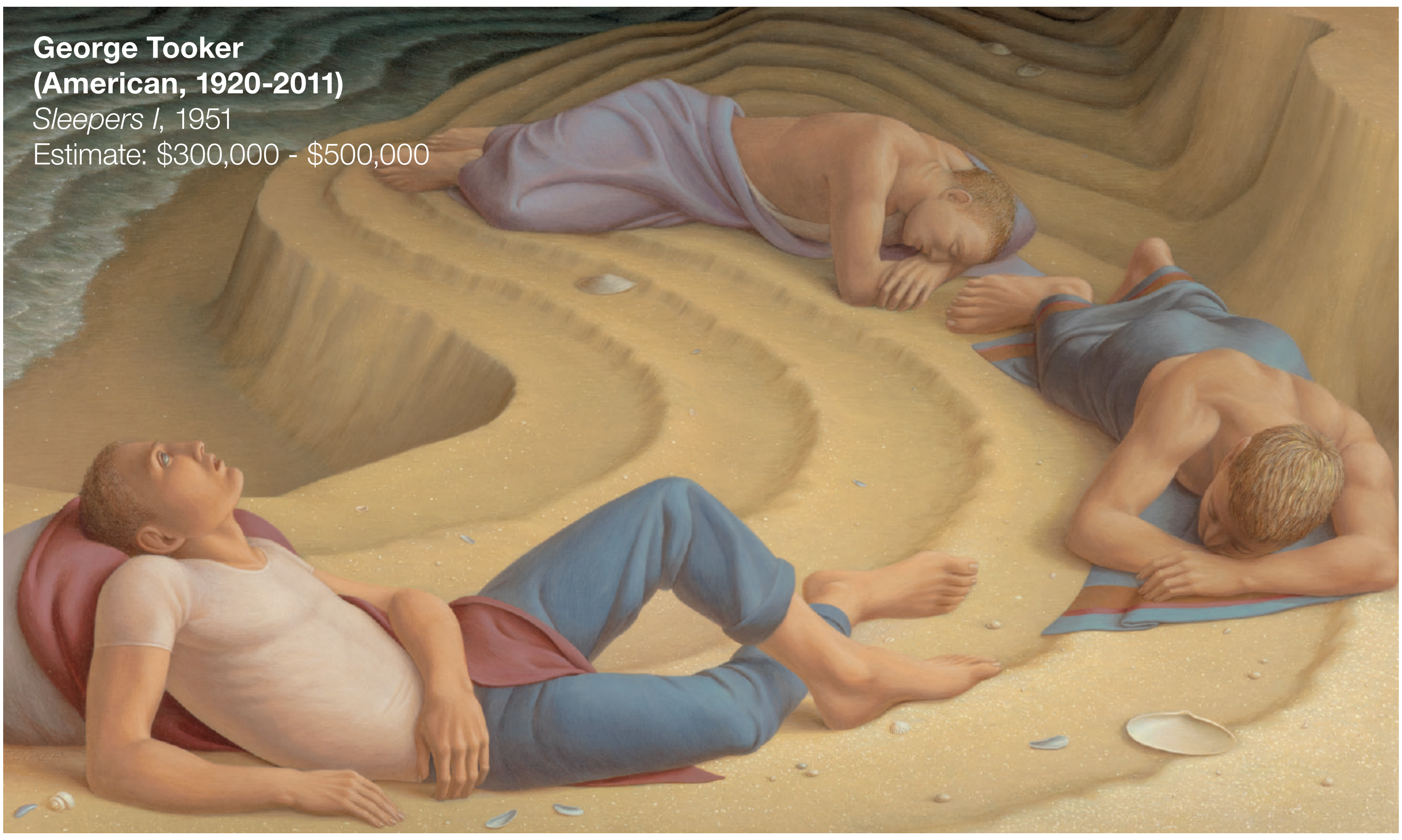

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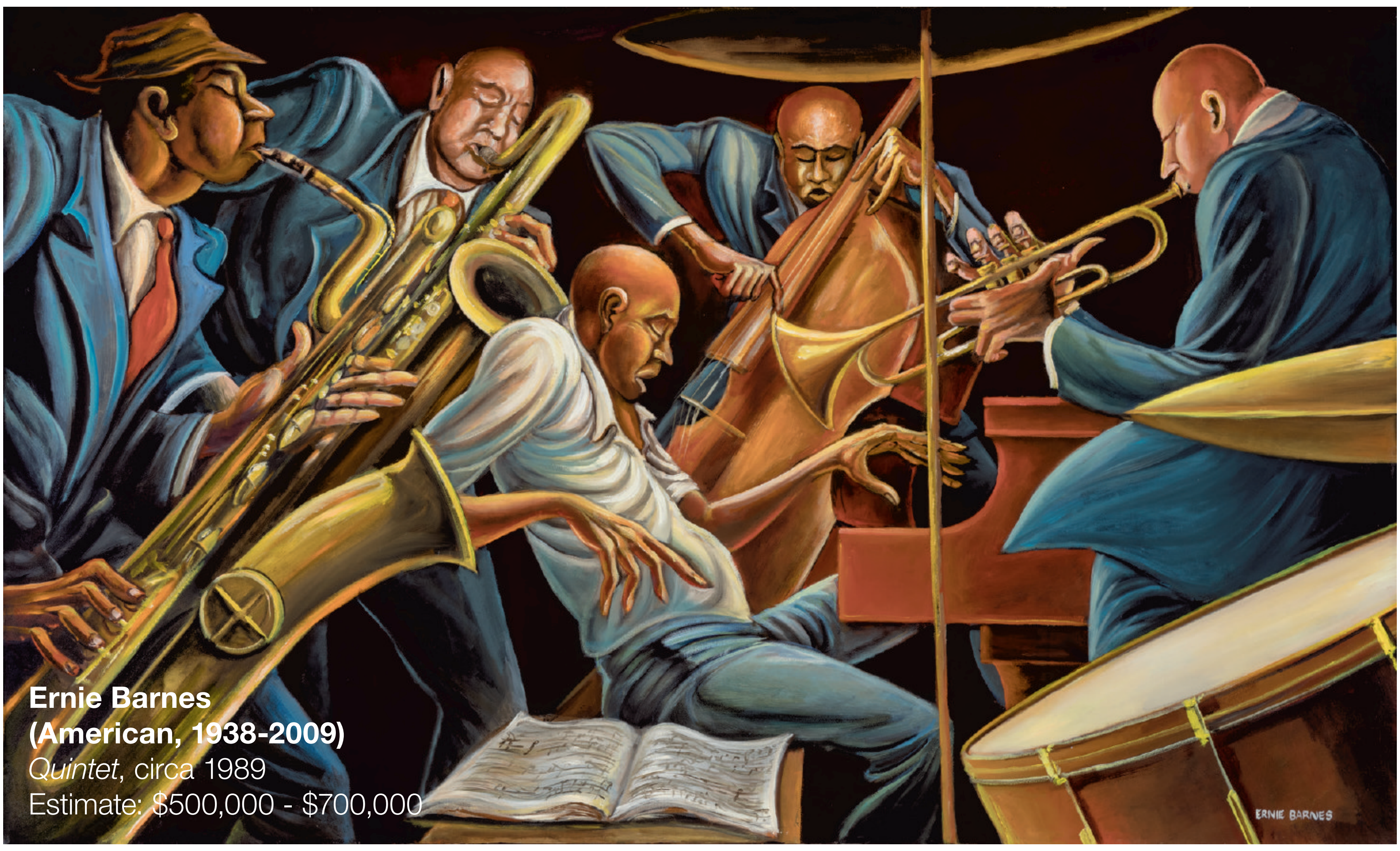

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Lake Zurich High School wins ‘Frozen’ contest

Theater program only one in Illinois to stage production

By Karie Angell Luc
Pioneer Press

After winning a national contest for the rights to stage a musical version of the Disney movie “Frozen,” students at Lake Zurich High School opened “Frozen, The Broadway Musical” on Wednesday. It will run through Sunday at the school. **KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS**

Lake Zurich High School won a nationwide contest sponsored by Disney, with the school getting the opportunity to be one of a select few — and the only one in Illinois — to get the rights from the entertainment magnate to stage a production of its movie “Frozen.”

Last summer, Disney Theatricals partnered with MTI and the Educational Theatre Association to hold a nationwide contest to give 50 high schools the opportunity to be the first in their state to produce the “Frozen” musical.

Applicants had to explain how their high schools would incorporate goodness and a sense of community into their “Frozen” interpretation for the stage.

“It is quite exciting to kick off the ‘Frozen’ journey with these students,” said Tom Skobel, LZHS theater director.

“I think the challenge comes with people haven’t done this before, but it also comes with the excitement that we are the first people to kind of figure out how to do these special effects, to figure out how these set changes really work, but also how vocally some of the challenges are as well.”

The school opened “Disney Frozen, The Broadway Musical,” on Wednesday and the show will run through Sunday.

As the rights-winning recipient for Illinois, auditions were held in February for the production running this month. The production’s cast, crew and orchestra include nearly 130 students.

After eight to nine weeks of rehearsals, the production will go forth on the school’s professional-grade auditorium stage, with evening and matinee performances. Show times are nightly through Friday. Performances on Saturday and Sunday offer 2 p.m. matinees. As of Tuesday, tickets were sold out online.

“It’s really, really, really cool,” said Elise Tyson, 15, a sophomore who performs on violin in the show. “It’s an amazing honor. I love the music.”

The story of “Frozen” is about newly crowned Queen Elsa and her younger sister Anna.

Elsa has magical powers and tries her best to avoid using her icy powers but causes a lasting winter for their kingdom.

The sisters are assisted by friends who bring back warm weather.

The lead parts of Elsa and Anna are shared, with actors taking alternating turns. Playing Elsa are Katie McCormick, 18, a senior, and Nicole Rogus, 18, also a senior.

“I think the beauty of their (sisters Anna and Elsa) relationship is they work together, like, that’s what they discover throughout the show,” McCormick said.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelancer.

Lead

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Contractors prepare to dig and locate lead pipes for removal in the 3100 block of South Ridgeway Avenue in Chicago on April 10.
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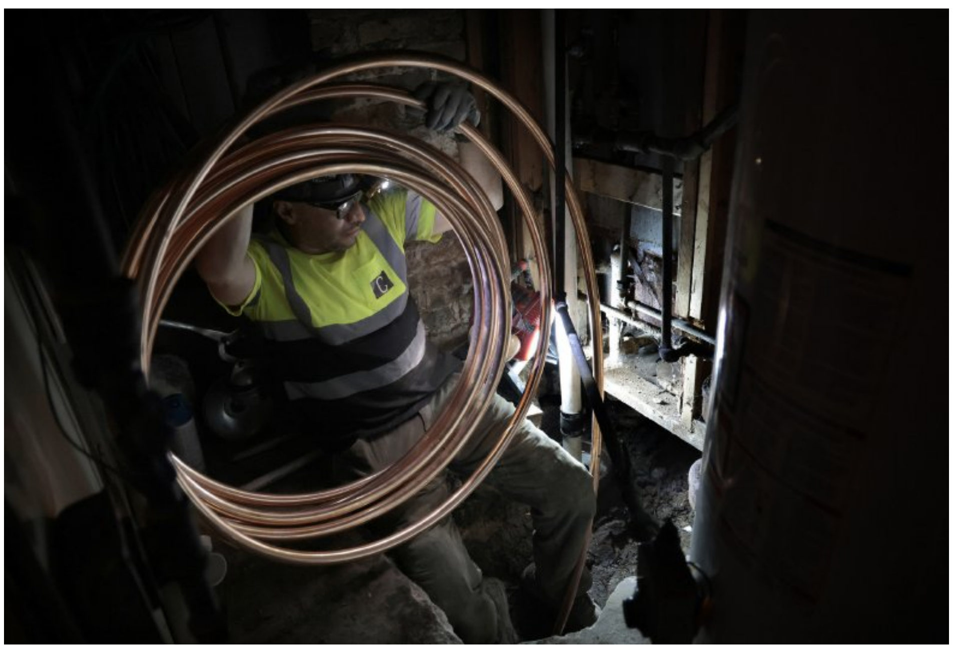
A laborer holds on to coiled copper pipe as it is pulled from a home on South Lawndale Avenue, under the ground and out to the street for connection to the water main.

Four years ago Mayor Lori Lightfoot promised during her first campaign to begin addressing a health threat her predecessors insisted didn’t exist. By the end of March only 451 lead service lines had been replaced in low-income households that qualified for a share of federal grant money.

Another 306 were replaced during responses to leaky pipes and 110 were paid for by individual property owners, according to water department records.

For a number of reasons, the pace of replacements is about to speed up not only in Chicago but statewide.

A 2021 state law requires small Illinois water utilities to replace all lead service lines within 15 years. Larger systems get up to 34 years to complete the work. Another provision of the law demands that service lines must be replaced whenever a new water main is installed.

Lightfoot’s lobbyists in Springfield blocked the law from passing until state legislators agreed to give Chicago up to 50 years to finish the job. At the mayor’s behest, lawmakers also exempted the city from the water main provision until January.

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson pledged during his campaign to make lead service line replacements a priority. In March he noted on Twitter that the majority of childhood lead poisoning cases in the city are in predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods.

“That ends with a Johnson administration — because water is life,” he wrote.

More money to pay for the work is on the way. Chicago is bound to get a cut of the $3 billion Congress set aside last year for lead service line replacements — fulfilling a campaign promise by President Joe Biden. The city also is borrowing another $336 million through a low-interest federal loan program for water projects.

“Chicago’s own monitoring shows the city has a big problem with lead in water,” said Erik Olson, a senior strategist at the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council who for decades has clamored for a more aggressive response from federal, state and local governments.

“What you need is somebody who actually wants to fix it, who steps up to the plate and asks, ‘What are the impediments and how do we get rid of them.’ ”

Newark, New Jersey, highlights what can happen when city leaders stop denying they have lead-in-water problems and get to work eliminating them.

After he was criticized for his initial response to testing that found high lead levels in Newark schools and homes, Mayor Ras Baraka persuaded New Jersey lawmakers to clear the way for local ordinances that eliminated the need for a property owner’s permission to replace a lead service line — a critical change that helped get the lead out in rental properties.

City officials declared a health emergency and agreed to pay to replace about 23,000 lead service lines rather than requiring property owners to contribute or making them fill out paperwork proving they couldn’t afford the work.

Baraka also negotiated deals with trade unions to train local people for a project that was expected to take a decade to complete but was all but done in less than three years. Crews fanned out across the city, replacing up to 120 service lines a day at one point, said Kareem Adeem, director of Newark’s water and sewer department.

“We’ve shown how to get this done because we had the political will to do it,” Adeem said in an interview. “That’s what every city needs: political will.”

In Chicago, water department spokeswoman Megan Vidis declined to make Commissioner Andrea Cheng available for comment. The department has hired and trained more people to replace service lines and is seeking funding for a “multi-year, multi-billion dollar effort,” Vidis said in an email.

Ingesting even tiny concentrations of lead can permanently damage the developing brains of children and contribute to heart disease, kidney failure and other health problems later in life. In 2018 researchers estimated more than 400,000 deaths a year in the United States are linked to lead exposure.

Like many other cities, Chicago adds corrosion-fighting chemicals to the water supply that, in theory, form a protective coating inside lead pipes to prevent leaching.

But the water department acknowledges that lead-contaminated water can still flow out of faucets, especially if people haven’t taken a shower, done laundry or washed dishes for several hours. Studies in Chicago and other cities also have found high concentrations of the toxic metal can flow out of taps for weeks or even months after lead service lines have been jostled by street work or plumbing repairs, including water main replacements.

A 2018 Chicago Tribune analysis found that lead in tap water is a danger throughout Illinois.

More than 8 of every 10 Illinoisans live in a community where the toxic metal was detected in at least one home during the previous six years, the newspaper found. Dozens of homes had hundreds and even thousands of parts per billion of lead in tap water — just as extreme as what researchers found during the same period in Flint, Michigan, where mismanagement of the public water system drew a world spotlight to a scourge that remained largely hidden for decades.

Last year alone lead was detected in water from at least one home in more than 60% of the Illinois water systems tested, state records show. Several results were significantly higher than 5 parts per billion, the Food and Drug Administration’s limit for bottled water.

Lockport found one home with 1,610 ppb of lead in tap water, records show. Rockford detected 800 ppb of lead in a home. Evanston found 250 ppb of lead in one of its samples.

If what is happening on Ridgeway Avenue is any guide, Chicago is still facing a number of hurdles to get lead out of tap water.

On Thursday one woman refused to allow workers into her home and rebuffed pleas from Ald. Michael Rodriguez, 22nd, to see for herself how the first lead service line on the block had been replaced without digging up her neighbor’s yard. One of the workers said several other property owners on the block are “tired of seeing guys in suits” knocking on their doors asking for permission to install a copper water line.

Water department contractors are reducing the impact of lead service line replacements by using a boring machine that only requires digging up a portion of the street. The machine removes the lead pipe first, then unwinds a coil of copper pipe from a home’s basement before plumbers attach it to the water main.

As Carmen Gonzalez looked down from her porch at her soon-to-be buried copper water line, she said she was relieved the work was almost done.

“I’ve been drinking the water in Chicago for many years,” said Gonzalez, who moved to the city in 1972.

“But then my children said the water might not be safe, and I started drinking bottled water. Now I won’t need to do that any more.”

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Great Recession. It's always bounced back.

But the tower now faces what might be its biggest test. The pandemic shuttered downtown and proved companies could operate with employees working from home several days a week.

Kathleen McCarthy, global co-head of Blackstone Real Estate, said she's confident Willis Tower will continue thriving. Her company plunked down $1.3 billion for the building in 2015 and then spent more than $500 million modernizing it.

"At 50, we all need a freshening up," said Todd Heiser, co-managing director of Gensler, the renovation's lead architectural firm.

Javier Quintana de Uña, CEO of the nonprofit Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, said he's optimistic Willis will get through this crisis.

"This is a building architects have always studied, and it always keeps ahead of everything else," he said. "That's why it's still one of the most respected buildings in the world."

A man takes a selfie on The Ledge on Feb. 11, 2014, at the Willis Tower Skydeck in Chicago. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Engineering feat

The first step in creating Willis Tower came when structural engineer Fazlur Khan convinced his firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, to buy its first computer. The new machine filled an entire room.

"When this thing would run, it would click and clack like a mechanical monster," said John Zils, a project engineer who worked on the tower. But the computer allowed Khan to do calculations in 30 minutes that would previously have taken months.

Khan understood the traditional way of putting together tall buildings, using interior columns, was inefficient. He pioneered using a vertical tube of steel or concrete, allowing big, open spaces, and finished the first such structure, an apartment building, in 1966. He then partnered with Skidmore Owings architect Bruce Graham to create the John Hancock Center, after which the duo launched Sears Tower, their most ambitious project. To satisfy the retailer's desire for more than 4 million square feet, Khan proposed bundling nine steel tubes.

"It's like a tick-tack-toe board with nine cells," Zils said. "It's a much stiffer structure using much less material."

The tower only needed 76,000 tons of steel, he added. Built the old-fashioned way, it could have needed twice as much and cost far more.

"That was the big breakthrough," Zils said. "Without the computer, who knows where we would have gone."

People hang out in the multilevel Catalog retail and dining space inside Willis Tower on May 19, 2022, in Chicago. ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sears Tower became the tallest building in Chicago, surpassing the John Hancock Center, when construction continued on Nov. 6, 1972. CHARLES OSGOOD/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

That blueprint also allowed Graham and Khan to design more than a plain box. They narrowed the structure by making the tubes different heights, sculpting it into the now-familiar shape.

Sears originally had no intention of building the world's tallest building, Zils said. The retailer just wanted to replace the old Homan Square headquarters with offices near downtown's Metra train lines. After buying land at 233 South Wacker Drive, Sears hired Skidmore Owings to craft a plan that would give it several million square feet on the parcel.

"Sears was a very frugal operation that didn't spend any extra money for anything," Zils said. "They were not interested in being an innovator, they just wanted something that was rock solid."

Sears also wanted an extra several million square feet of space, enough to handle expected growth throughout the 1970s and 1980s, he added. The retailer planned to rent out those upper-floor offices to other firms at first, but since few companies would want massive floor plates like Sears, Graham and Khan realized the building needed a massive base and narrow top.

"It just kept getting taller and thinner, and soon we had what would be the tallest building in the world," Zils said.

Two factors convinced Sears to make history and greenlight the more than 4 million square foot building, he added. Khan's design meant the structure would be immensely strong, allowing heavy floor loads, and including a Skydeck for tourists meant a lucrative stream of visitors.

"That tipped the scale, and they finally gave the go-ahead," he said.

Sears moved fast after making its decision. Although Graham and Khan had just one drawing that depicted the entire building, it was enough for Carl Morse, the construction manager hired by Sears, to shake hands on a deal with the president of U.S. Steel to buy 76,000 tons of steel, mostly from its plant in Gary and put men like Porzuczek to work.

The work was sometimes punishing, especially in winter, Porzuczek said. The hard labor didn't bother him.

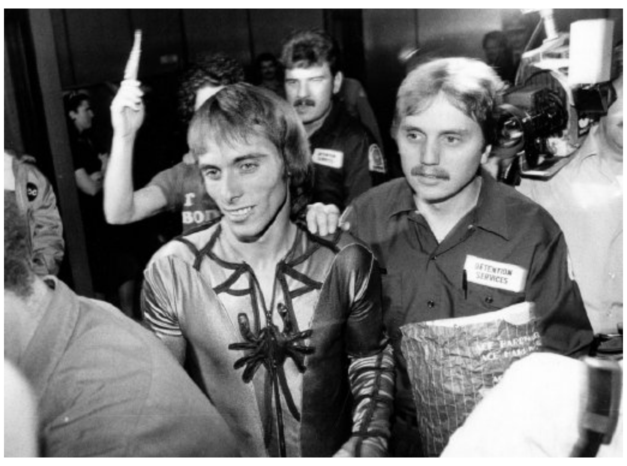
But the job wasn't easy.

"I did not see him fall," Porzuczek said of his friend and fellow crew member Jack De Klerk. On April 14, 1973, just three weeks before construction was complete, the two were sitting on a girder above the 100th floor about 25 feet apart when a sling used to raise steel beams caught the 28-year-old De Klerk and pulled him over.

He fell about 35 feet into the building, and more beams lay below. Porzuczek said it's likely he hit one.

De Klerk wasn't the only one to die. Four elevator workers were killed April 11 when fire swept through a shaft.

Porzuczek went on to help build the James R. Thompson Center and work on the Chicago Board of Trade expansion, among other projects. He retired to Las Vegas after a 2001 injury.



Daniel Goodwin, known as Spider Dan, is released from jail after climbing the Sears Tower on May 26, 1981.
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Spider Dan

One of the most unforgettable days at the tower's took place over Memorial Day weekend in 1981. Early on May 25 of that year, a 25-year-old rock climber from Maine climbed a ladder held by Lakeview resident James Hackett and rolled onto the roof over the Wacker Drive entrance. He sat down for a moment to rest in the darkness.

"I looked up and just saw that black monolith going up into the clouds," said Dan Goodwin, who was equipped with hooks, leg loops and suction cups he designed.

As the sun rose, a gathering crowd of spectators was treated to an improbable sight: a man dressed as Spider-Man inching up the world's tallest building.

"It was a snap for him — almost like walking up stairs," a Chicago police officer told the Tribune that day.

"My son, who was 5 years old at the time, said, 'Daddy, you should do it as Spider-Man,'" Goodwin said. "I also wanted to reassure people that I'm just a climber, not a terrorist."

"I chose Memorial Day weekend because I didn't want to interrupt business and get people mad at me," he added.

But Chicago Fire Commissioner William Blair got plenty mad. He used a window washing platform to block Goodwin midway, and that's when the situation got even more dangerous.

"I was hanging by one suction cup that was slipping and about to pop off," Goodwin said. "I felt like an astronaut stepping out into space. Inside, I was super calm, collected and pretended I was right near the ground, but I wasn't near the ground, I was 660 feet above it."

That dangerous moment passed.

"Someone called down and said, 'we got orders to let you go to the top because someone's going to get killed here,'" Goodwin said. "And I thought, 'yeah, me.'"

He was arrested after reaching the roof, but police officers greeted him as a conquering hero.

"The cops were throwing their arms around me, saying that was the greatest thing they'd ever seen," he said.

The tower was undamaged, said Goodwin, and he was later fined $35.

"From that point on, I was nicknamed Spider Dan."

A success

Sears Tower quickly become a symbol of Chicago's corporate might, according to Mike Duncan, a principal with Cresa Chicago, a real estate firm. Not only did it have Sears filling its bottom half, but other well-known companies, many looking to do business with the retailer, began leasing upper floors.

"Sears helped fill the tower by saying, 'Goldman Sachs, if you want to issue our bonds and stocks, you should be a tenant in our building in Chicago,'" said Duncan, whose wife was a Sears employee in the 1970s who signed the final beam.

It was also an era of mammoth construction projects, including the 1,136-foot Standard Oil Building, finished in 1973 and now named Aon Center, and the 850-foot First National Plaza, completed in 1969 and now called Chase Tower.

But the oil shocks and inflation of the 1970s weakened Chicago's muscular economy and its market for new supertall buildings. And Sears' position as middle-America's top retailer grew shaky.

Its plans to expand into the upper floors were set aside. And after helping create modern downtown Chicago, the company then helped reverse the trend. In 1992, Sears moved to Hoffman Estates, joining other firms such as McDonalds and AT&T in choosing suburban office campuses.

The 1,451-foot Willis Tower lost its crown as world's tallest in 1998, when it was surpassed by Malaysia's Petronas Twin Towers, and the American title in 2014 when New York City's One World Trade Center was completed. After decades of construction in Asian countries, it's now the 23rd tallest in the world.

But the tower, much like downtown, proved to be a survivor, Duncan said.

Duncan partly credits Graham and Khan's design. Its construction allowed heavy loads and reduced sway. And the 1993 terrorist bombing at New York's World Trade Center heightened interest in buildings that could withstand shocks.

The 2001 terrorist attacks at New York's World Trade Center kicked off new worries about supertall buildings. Once again, vacancies opened throughout the tower.

But United Airlines began moving its operations center from Elk Grove Township to the building in 2010, and by 2012 it established its headquarters there, taking about 20% of the building and becoming the largest tenant.

Willis Group also signed a lease in 2009, paying extra to name the landmark building Willis Tower, a change many older Chicagoans still don't accept.

COVID may be Willis Tower's biggest challenge yet. Chicago companies shed millions of square feet of office space, leaving more than one-fifth vacant, according to Colliers International.

Willis Tower wasn't immune. After cutting thousands of jobs, United decided in 2021 to vacate several floors, and more companies could follow suit.

But according to CoStar Willis Tower is still more than 88% leased, and McCarthy says Blackstone also signed major lease agreements last year, including one with pharmaceutical giant Abbott Labs, and the $500 million makeover will keep the building competitive.

"Willis Tower, frankly, when it was built, was a bit of a fortress, and that's because when towers like this were created, they were monuments to corporations," said Gensler's Heiser.

Gensler opened up the complex and transformed its empty plaza into Catalog, five levels of retail, restaurants and a terrace for working or relaxing outdoors. Whole floors were dedicated to amenities such as fitness centers and a private club, all designed to make office work comfortable.

"Today we need buildings that support the whole human," Heiser said.

The prospect of a makeover brought Ben Altman and his family-owned investment firm Altman Advisors to Willis Tower in 2016.

It was no accident that the firm took nearly 1,000 square feet on the 97th floor. Altman's grandfather worked for Sears as a shipping clerk for 30 years, and reaching the top of its former headquarters fulfills a long-term goal.

"We're from humble West Side roots, so this was the American Dream for us," he said.

Seyfarth Shaw's Chicago office moved in 2017 from the Central Loop to Willis. The firm's offices allow natural light to flow through. And being on the 80th floor has advantages.

"We're the highest law firm in the city, and that's pretty cool," said Tracy Billows, co-managing partner.

Billows said she also feels a personal connection to the building, leading her to make a common mistake.

"I was born and raised in Chicago, so I occasionally slip up and call it Sears," she said.

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Hawthorne

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Steven Hawthorne speaks with law student Caroline Hammer, who worked on his case, at the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University on Feb. 1, 2017. Hawthorne volunteered at the clinic at that time and received help with learning about life outside of prison. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

of an ex-girlfriend and her new beau.

Part of the violent attack on April 16, that ended with the woman's head being crushed with a large rock, was witnessed by the woman's children, a 3-year-old girl and 5-year-old twins. They were most likely spared from witnessing the most brutal part of their mother's death when a good Samaritan pulled them into his car during the alleged attack. They told him that Hawthorne shot their mother, authorities said during an April 18 bail hearing.

While prosecutors provided the details of the double slaying of Tamera Washington, 26, and her new boyfriend, Norman Redden Sr., 51, they did not offer a motive, merely hinting that it was related to Hawthorne's failed relationship with Washington, which ended late last year.

But regardless of the reason, the allegation of the killings stunned friends and former colleagues of Hawthorne, particularly those who worked with him to support freed inmates. The imposing 6-foot-3 Hawthorne, who had taken the first name Mustafa, was well respected by the former inmates he helped reintegrate into society and the staff of the charity where he worked.

In fact, he'd made such an impression with his hard work and willingness to pitch in, officials at the Inner City Muslim Action Network, a charity and advocacy group, had begun shifting him toward more community organizing and policy work instead of the more grueling reentry work.

The allegations left his former boss, recently elected 5th Ward Ald. Desmon Yancy, who supervised Hawthorne last year as a former administrator with the Inner-City Muslim Action Network, "shocked and devastated."

"My heart is broken for Tamera's children and for Norman's family," Yancy said when reached by the Tribune. "This isn't anything I saw coming by any stretch."

The alleged attack

Prosecutors said Hawthorne used a key to enter Washington's brick two-story bungalow on South Luella Avenue in South Chicago around 1:40 a.m., while the woman's 63-year-old uncle watched television in the living room. Washington and Redden were sleeping in one room while the three children slept in another when Hawthorne entered the house, according to authorities.

Holding a 9 mm handgun, Hawthorne entered a bedroom and shot Redden in the head, Assistant State's Attorney Anne McCord Rodgers told the court two days after the shooting. The gunshot awakened everyone, including Washington's children. Washington's uncle briefly struggled with Hawthorne during the commotion until two more shots were fired, prosecutors said. The uncle pretended to be wounded and Hawthorne ran out of the house, Rodgers said.

Authorities said Hawthorne chased after Washington from the home to the corner near 83rd Street and Paxton Avenue, shooting her once as they ran, wounding her. They said the 250-pound Hawthorne then got on top of the smaller woman and beat her repeatedly with the handgun. Finally, prosecutors said, Hawthorne retrieved a large rock from a nearby yard and dropped it on Washington.

In the midst of the alleged beating, a couple passing through the area happened upon Hawthorne and Washington and attempted to intervene, believing it to be a sex assault because the woman was half dressed.

"I pulled up on the side of them and that's when he raised the gun and said 'Keep going,'" the 62-year-old motorist recalled to a Tribune reporter. "I kept going. I didn't know what to do, so I called the police and told them they need to get there in a hurry," he said.

Suddenly, Washington's 3- and 5-year-old daughters appeared near the scene, causing the motorist and his wife to take them into their car for fear they might be harmed. Doing so may have shielded them from witnessing the most gruesome aspects of their mother's death. A bloodstained boulder was found next to Washington's body.

"I know it's a good deed and everything and I'd do it again if I had to," he said, asking not to be identified. "That's just how it goes. I don't want to see anyone harmed, period."

The motorist said it's the second homicide he has witnessed. He is using work to distract himself and put the horror behind him.

"I work a lot. I've been doing a little extra work, just keeping my mind focused on other things. And talking with my wife, because she's strong — way more than me," he said. "She was talking about counseling or something, but I don't need that. God is my counselor."

An autopsy confirmed that Washington died primarily from massive head injuries, with the gunshot to the right arm being a contributing factor, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Redden died from a single gunshot wound to the face. Both deaths were classified as homicides.

Funerals for Washington and Redden were recently held. Attempts to reach their families were unsuccessful.

A 54-year-old south suburban man who said he's been friends with Hawthorne for years and posted his bail for his January gun case told the Tribune that Hawthorne and Washington's relationship had been deteriorating. The former couple had an ongoing dispute over Hawthorne's personal items left in Washington's home.

"The understanding that I got was more of a person enraged, a person that was just fed up," said the man who also asked not to be identified when the Tribune contacted him. "I wish he would have came to me to tell me how he was feeling and I could have talked him down ... or would have went over there myself and talked to the young lady ... so it wouldn't have even

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Steven Hawthorne at Stateville Correctional Center on Nov. 17, 2016. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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happened like this. It's just real sad … this mother's gone and these kids."

The friend said he thought the situation was complicated by Hawthorne's stunted development with women, saying Washington was only the second woman he'd dated since being released. "You have to realize he'd gone though his adolescent years without a young lady," the friend said.

The Cook County public defender's office did not respond to a request for comment. Hawthorne's attorney could not be reached for comment.

Sentenced to life at 17

When Cook County Judge Stephen Schiller sentenced Hawthorne in 1984 to life without parole for killing two people, he lamented the lack of any judicial discretion that would allow him to sentence the teenager to a lesser sentence, but added that he couldn't make law, only interpret it.

Rather ironically, he also expressed doubt that Hawthorne would pose a threat to the community by the time he reached 40 or 50, a 2014 news report stated.

Now at age 55, Hawthorne faces a possibility of returning to prison for the remainder of his life for an alleged attack so violent, he was covered in blood when a Chicago police officer tackled and arrested him.

Hawthorne had spoken publicly about his tough childhood growing up in the former Stateway Gardens complex in Bronzeville. His childhood had an abrupt end at age 16, when he fatally shot two people during a single incident: one a neighborhood bully, the other a bystander fatally struck by a ricocheting bullet.

In 2014, the Tribune followed the court cases of Hawthorne and others hoping to be released following a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that life sentences without parole for juveniles were unconstitutional. He was later resentenced to serve 68 years and was released with court restrictions. His murder conviction remained intact and was required to register as a violent offender.

Hawthorne's release and community work has been used as an example to help inspire other men struggling to reenter society following jail or prison sentences.

Yancy said he sensed the emotional toll that growing up in prison had taken on Hawthorne, who was sentenced when he was 17.

"I could tell that he was wounded or at least traumatized by his prison experience," Yancy said.

Hawthorne's arrest highlights the challenges that other formerly incarcerated men encounter following long prison terms. One 2018 study found that 68% of state prisoners are rearrested within the first three years of release.

"People exiting prison from long-term confinement need stronger support around them. Many people exhibit a low crime risk but have high psychological, financial, and vocational demands that have been greatly exacerbated by their lengthy incarceration," wrote Ashley Nellis, co-director of research for the Sentencing Project, an advocacy group for assisting prisoners.

"Mustafa's story, until recently, was lifted up as a success story, but then there's a reality that returning inmates have a lot to deal with," Yancy said. "This is unimaginable, but it also isn't the first story that we've heard about people who come home from long stretches in prison and just found themselves unable to cope."

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Stormwater management projects being put in motion

Lake County calls them 'investments in the future'

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Warmer weather is synonymous in Illinois with the resumption of construction season.

But as the usual roadway improvement and commercial construction projects unfold this year, a host of projects meant to equip Lake County communities to deal with aging stormwater infrastructure and higher levels of rainfall are nearing completion or are set to break ground in the coming months.

In conjunction with a consortium of local governments, the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission is carrying out $30 million worth of projects using grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the county commission could receive up to about $122 million in grants for other projects in coming years if the Illinois General Assembly sees fit.

Kurt Woolford, the commission's executive director, said the biggest undertaking on the docket this year is a flood mitigation storm sewer project in Park City that is expected to cost $2.75 million.

"(Park City) residents didn't really have any options," Woolford said. "And now we're definitely trying to bring them the needed change that they will enjoy a better quality of life in their community."

The installation will improve movement of stormwater from north of Belvidere Road to the south of Park City through the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and down near Casemir Pulaski Drive, according to Ernesto Huaracha, a water resources professional in his seventh year working for the commission.

"It's an outdated system, an undersized system, and based on its legacy it just doesn't meet the needs of properly conveying water from north to south," he said.

He said the project will also bolster storage capacity in the area so it's not "just pushing water downstream."

Several projects are completed, including one totaling just under $1 million to make drainage improvements in the Highlands neighborhood off Route 41, two significant projects in Lake Forest and a project in the oft-flooded Knollwood subdivision in partnership with the village of Fox Lake.

Capital improvement program manager Susan Novak said Lake County and its partners are "being proactive" to address stormwater concerns, diligently spreading the effort around different areas of the county based on watershed and environmental data.

A project getting $2.75 million from the state grant to improve the Sequoit Creek site in downtown Antioch is now underway, as well as another project to construct a storm sewer to mitigate flooding in several subdivisions in Libertyville Township.

In particular, Huaracha said, unincorporated communities tend not to have as thoroughly crafted long-range plans to resolve infrastructure needs, as many towns and cities do, "so that's where SMC comes in."

"Because there's not a tax base like (in) many municipalities, there are not many opportunities for drainage improvement projects unless a collective of stakeholders get together to work to define a project or provide some funding," he said.

Other projects in unincorporated Lake County include a Wildwood area stormwater infrastructure project in Warren Township, and a drainage improvement project at Talbot Avenue in Shields Township.

(The Wildwood project) is going to have significant improvement for the community around Valley Lake," Huaracha said. "And it's going to help alleviate a lot of flood issues in the street."

While the Stormwater Management Commission is handling project management for some of the projects, local sponsors such as municipalities or water drainage districts are taking the lead while the commission manages the grant funding and compliance.

Woolford and his staff have also identified a host of unfunded potential projects that are being designed and more than 30 additional projects under review and engineering scope.

Created through state law in 1990, the commission is tasked with monitoring the county's watersheds and flood plains, crafting management plans and mitigating flood impacts while protecting and restoring natural resources.

Six Lake County Board members and the mayors of Fox Lake, North Chicago, Beach Park, Buffalo Grove, Kildeer and Gurnee make up the commission's board.

Woolford is optimistic the commission will be able to utilize further funding from the state and other sources, and said it has identified the need for dozens of additional projects around Lake County.

Notably, the legislation passed by the General Assembly dictates the commission will either receive the full sum of about $122,098,000, "or so much thereof as may be necessary."

"It might appear that these are just construction projects, but they're more than that," Woolford said. "They're investments in the community, investments in the future … across Lake County."

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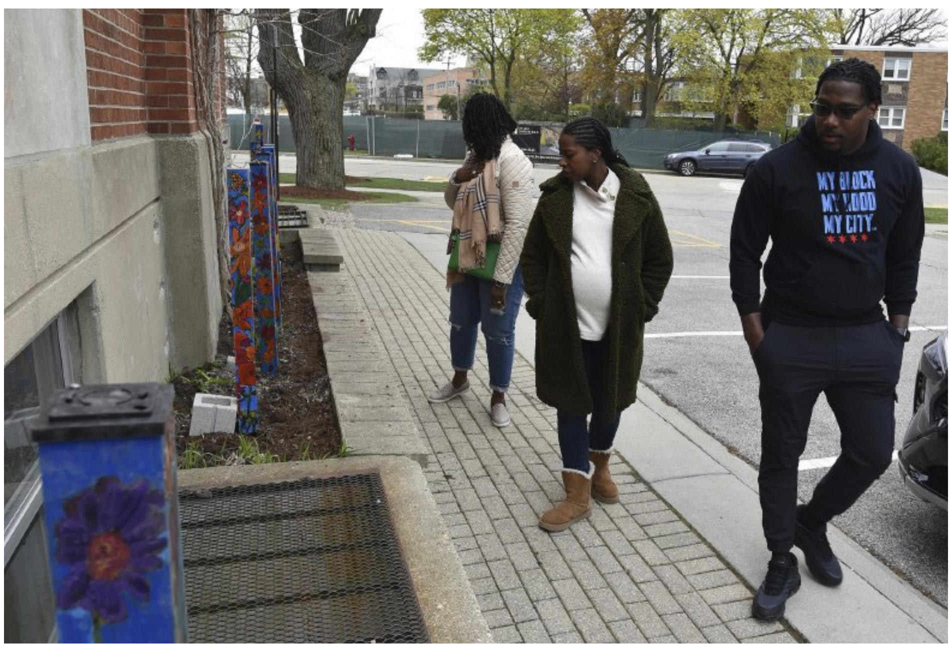
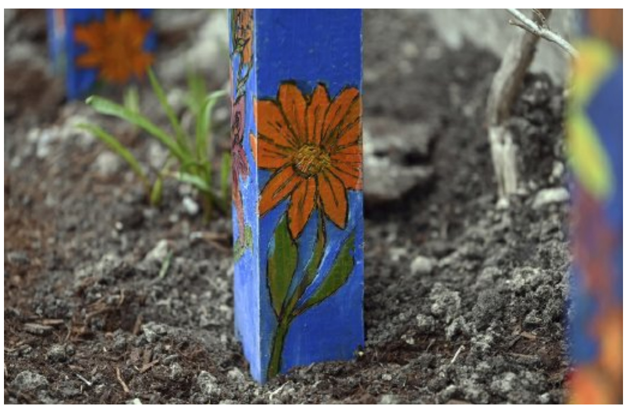


Jahmal Cole, right, of Chicago, founder and CEO of the Chicago social impact organization My Block My Hood My City, walks by the installation of peace poles by artist Josh Devries, of Highland Park, at The Art Center Highland Park on April 23.

‘It was his way of reaching out to other people’

Autistic Highland Park artist creates peace poles to express feelings about July Fourth parade shooting

By Karie Angell Luc
Pioneer Press



A closeup shows the base of one of Devries’ peace poles at The Art Center Highland Park on April 23.
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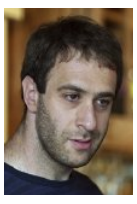
For Josh Devries, of Highland Park, finding a pillar of strength to cope as a shooting survivor comes from within.

Devries, 33, has autism and has learned constructive ways to illustrate thoughts and feelings in nonverbal ways. Art is an outlet.

He witnessed the July 4, 2022, Highland Park parade shooting at Port Clinton Square, and has made a set of eight peace poles to express what he experienced that morning.

“I just see this project as the most therapeutic thing that Josh has been able to do since the shooting,” said his mother, Pam, of Deerfield. “More typical ways of talking about and dealing with it don’t necessarily work as well for him.

“But being able to express it artistically, I think, has been very healing for him,” she said.



Devries

At Lynfred Winery in downtown Highland Park, works including sculpture, prints and woodwork by Devries were shown during the winery’s Art of Wine & Art show on Sunday.

The eight peace poles, seven of which are named for each deceased victim of the Highland Park shooting, with the remaining pole for survivors and the community, were on display a few blocks away on the north side of TAC, The Art Center Highland Park, at 1957 Sheridan Road.

The outdoor poles have solar lighting on top, and illuminate in the dark.

TAC executive director James Lynch said the eight poles by Devries are not a memorial, but an art installation, as the anniversary of the parade shooting approaches.

The peace poles were installed in mid-April, Lynch said, as a semi-permanent art installation that traditionally addresses a topic, and is timely in this case.

“I think it’s exactly what we needed to do,” Lynch said, referring to the peace pole installation. “The Art Center wants to be relevant and involved in the community. We don’t just put up art to be pretty. We put up art that is meaningful, and has some contribution to everybody, and these (peace poles) really are.

“They say something and they’re very comforting, I think, to people,” he said.

Devries has worked with Highland Park art instructor and mentor Caren Miller since he was 26. Miller suggested a peace pole as an artistic format and platform for Devries to address what he witnessed last July 4.

“He was there in the midst of everything,” Miller said. “He was watching the parade, but he was there (near Dairy Queen) when the shooting occurred. It was very traumatizing to him.”

Josh’s mother and Miller were in communication the day of the shooting, and Pam Devries asked Miller if Josh might benefit from a more urgent art session.

“She said, ‘Can he come see you tomorrow? He needs his art,’ ” Miller recalled. “So he came, and he was very dysregulated. And we just started sketching, just drawing, right then and there.

“He’s verbal with me, but we write,” he said. “It’s difficult for Josh to process the spoken word. And when he’s doing his art, he’s focused. There’s a different rhythm about him. He’s calm, he’s engaged.

“By creating these peace poles, it was his way of reaching out to other people,” Miller said.

Josh’s father Stephen said the peace poles, “really touched me in a way that I hadn’t experienced before because of his language challenges.

It’s really hard to know the depth of his feelings, and even the subject of what he’s thinking about.

“It made me realize that this was something that he felt he wanted to give back to the community,” Stephen Devries said of his son.

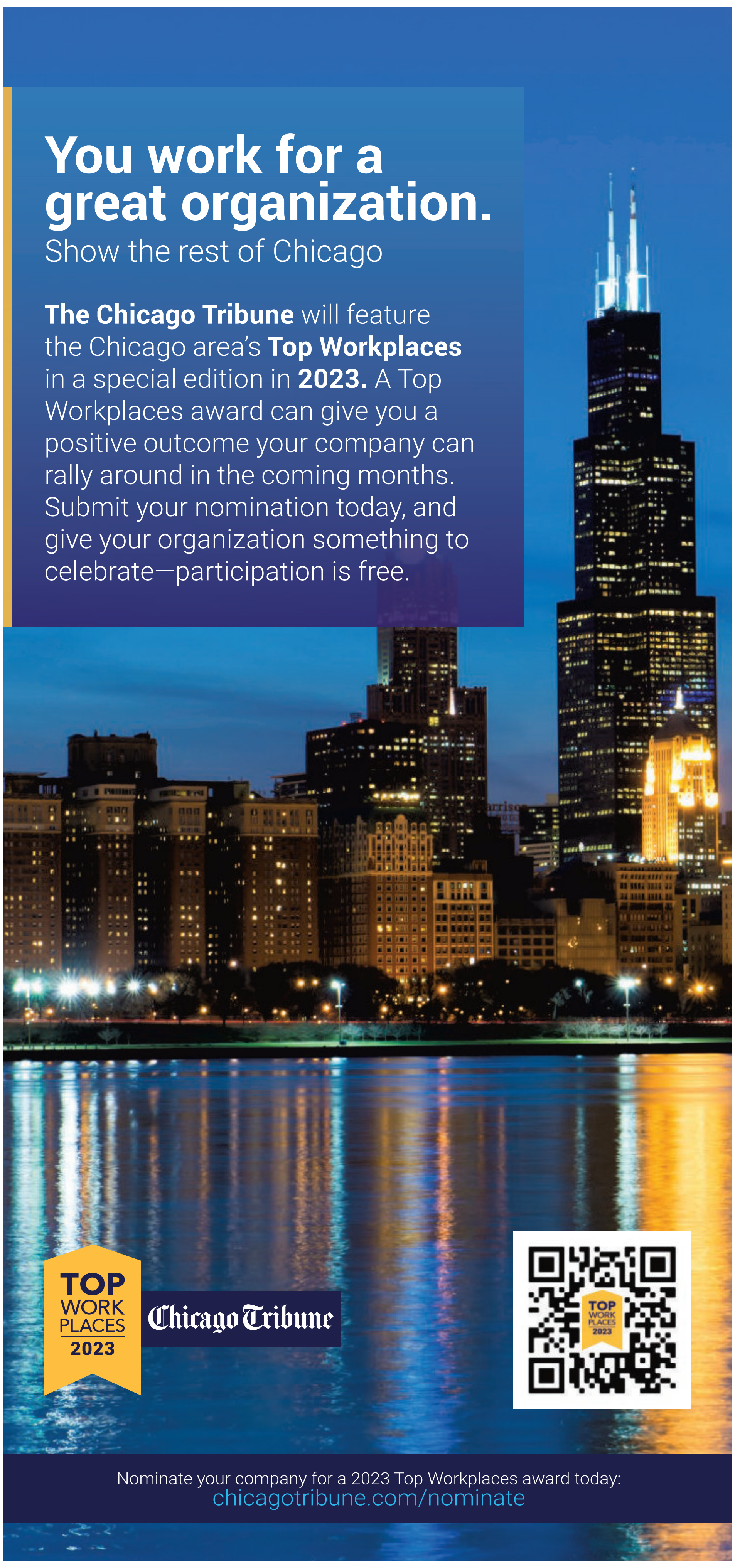
Being close to Port Clinton Square, across the railroad tracks near the corner of Central Avenue and St. Johns Avenue, Lynfred Winery was among the places that parade attendees sought temporary refuge during the mass shooting.

Matt Phillips, director of tasting rooms and district manager for Lynfred Winery, said about the winery, especially since the parade shooting, “It is a safe place. It is a healing space.”

Phillips was working at the winery when the shooting began. “We were interacting with a couple of parade-goers, and then we heard the gunshots,” he said.

Hosting art showings for artists like Josh Devries helps to define a location that was “traumatic” for some on July 4, Phillips said.

“Every opportunity we’ve had to bring joy and happiness back into this space has been a priority for us,” he said. “It is a reminder of goodness being more powerful … a place that we call home.”



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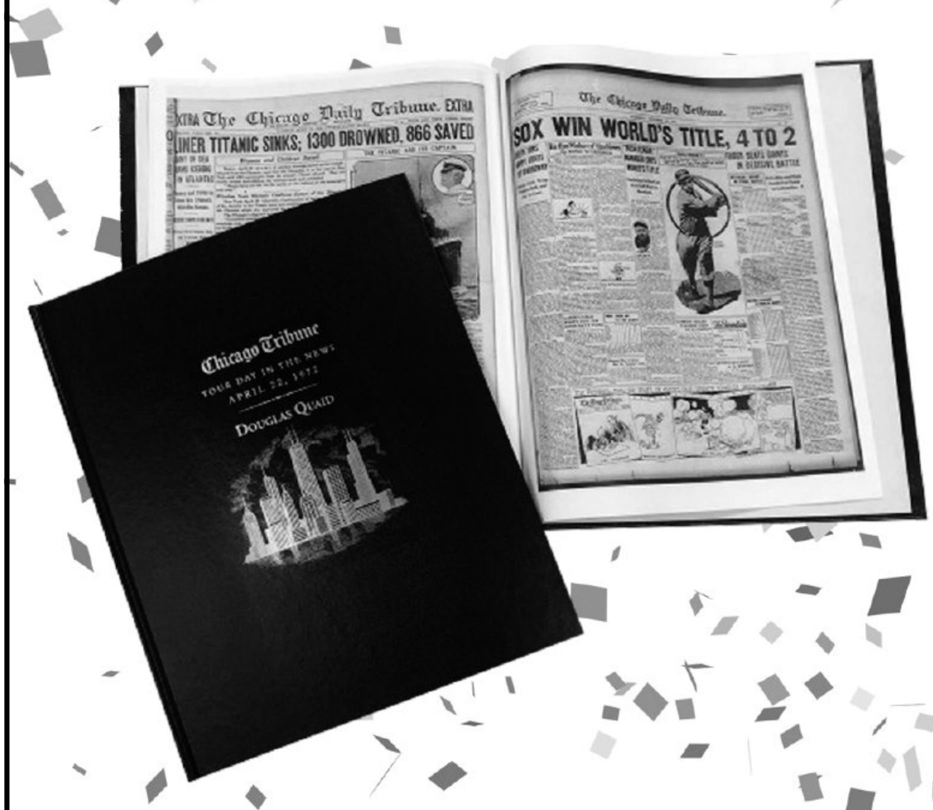

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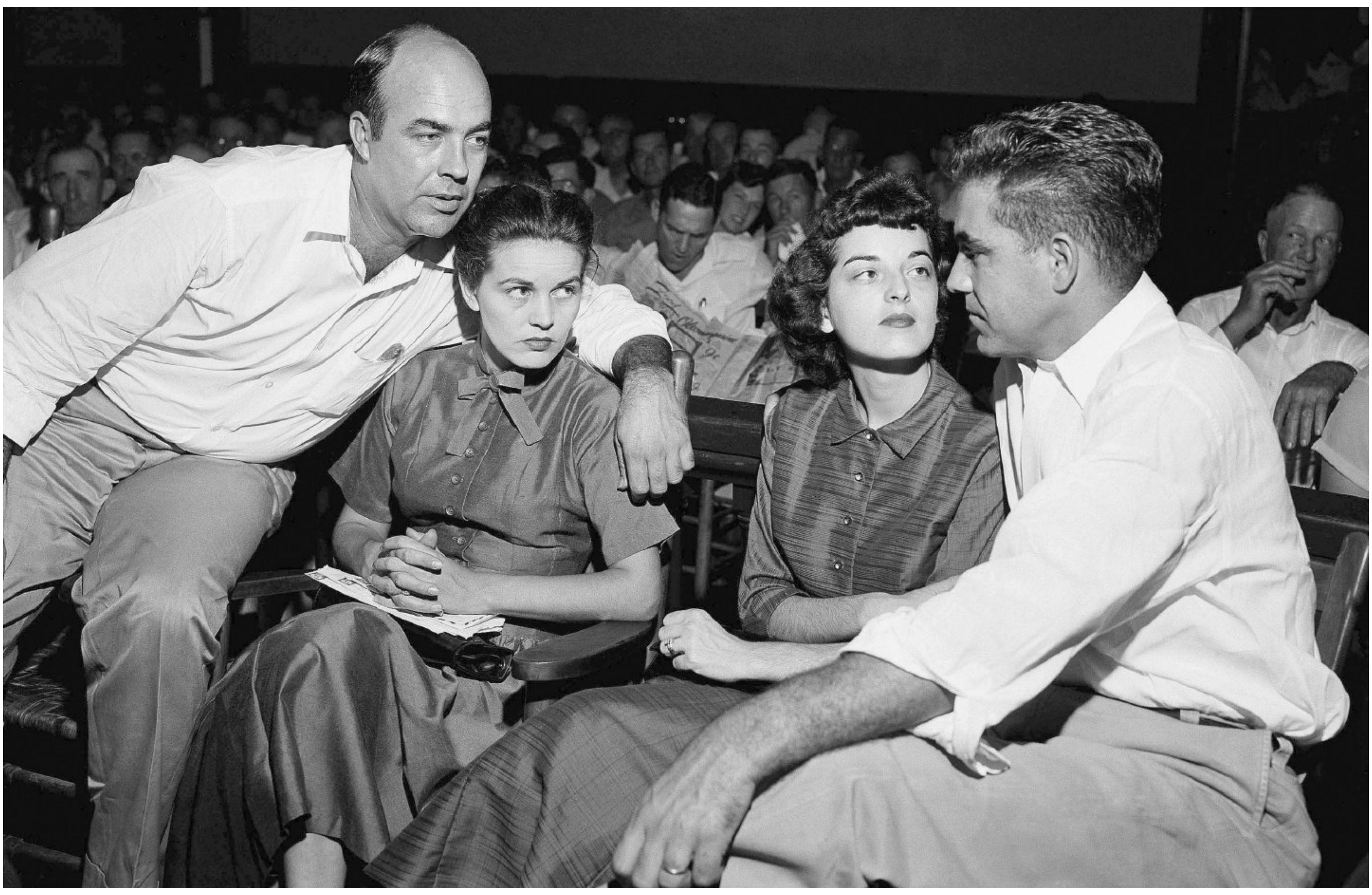

J.W. Milam, from left, his wife, Carolyn and Roy Bryant, in a courtroom in Sumner, Mississippi, on Sept. 23, 1955. Carolyn Bryant Donham is the white woman who accused Black teenager Emmett Till of making improper advances. **AP**

Who is to be held accountable for Emmett Till's death, now that the witnesses are gone?

Clarence Page

The last survivor of the historical horror widely known as "the lynching of Emmett Till" has died, leaving behind an infuriating amount of unanswered questions.

Carolyn Bryant Donham died in hospice care Tuesday night in Louisiana at age 88.

She is remembered by history mostly as the 21-year-old woman who accused Till, then a 15-year-old Chicagoan visiting his Mississippi relatives, of behavior that violated the old Jim Crow South's irrational but strictly enforced racial etiquette — and it cost him his life.

In short, she accused the teen of sexually suggestive whistling, grabbing her by the waist and asking her for a date.

Evidence indicates Donham later identified Till to her then-husband, Roy Bryant, and his half brother, J.W. Milam. The two men then kidnapped the teen, tortured him and shot him once in the head.

Not surprisingly for that time and place, an all-white jury acquitted the two white men in the killing, but the men later confessed in an interview with Look magazine the following year.

But the saga did not end there. After the lynching in Money, Mississippi, Till's mother Mamie Till-Mobley, made his murder a rallying cry for the Civil Rights Movement, beginning with her brave decision to display her son, his face beaten beyond recognition, in an open casket to "let the world see what they did to my boy."

A hundred days after Till's murder, Rosa Parks famously refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus. She later told fellow protesters that she was inspired to keep her seat by memories of Emmett Till.

In 2004, the FBI reopened the case, pressured by new evidence of conflicts in earlier testimony by Bryant and Milam, and reopened it in 2018 after Tim Tyson published a book called "The Blood of Emmett Till," which raised new controversies and questions about Carolyn Dunham's account.

And more books will come. Chris Benson, a lawyer and Northwestern University journalism teacher, co-authored "A Few Days Full of Trouble: Revelations on the Journey to Justice for My Cousin and Best Friend, Emmett Till" with Till's cousin, the Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr., of Summit.

Released in January, the book chronicles Till's life and the investigations into Donham's part in his slaying.

They eventually gained access to documents that "helped us connect the dots to link Carolyn Bryant to that horrible crime."

As Benson said in a telephone interview, "It's too bad that Carolyn Bryant Donham died without ever taking responsibility for her role in the brutal lynching."

Yet, his case is more remembered than most. Emmett Till was one of more than 4,400 African American men, women, and children who were hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned or beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950, according to the Equal Justice Initiative.

Considering how most of those cases are barely remembered, it raises one's curiosity as to why the case of Emmett Till is so widely recalledand honored. Even his coffin is on display in a place of reverence in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington.

Taking the broad view, Benson observed that we Americans "tend to see the story of Emmett Till as representative of the history of racial injustice and today's anxiety about racial change. What we are seeing now (in the racial and political news headlines) is a parallel between what was going on in the 1950s and what's going on in this contemporary moment."

"In the 1950s, people were up in arms over what had just happened — school desegregation and other changes," he recalled. "Now we see them reacting to what is about to happen — a dramatic change in what is about to become our demographic reality in this country."

By that, he explained, he meant the decline of white Americans as a percentage of the population unsettles some members of the shrinking white majority in much the same way that Southern segregationists had a tough time adjusting to the new reality of the civil rights era.

"And just as in 1955," he said, "some are reacting with violence."

He may be right. It has been said that today's political landscape increasingly is defined not by political parties or ideologies as much as by how we relate to change.

We've been through countless changes since Emmett Till's day. We need to understand our troubled past, if only to build a better future.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Joe Biden's running mate

President Joe Biden is running for reelection. The GOP's refusal to shun Donald Trump as its champion may well steer us to a repeat of the 2020 election — a fearful specter indeed.

The choice of running mate is critical, more so than at any other point in American history. I am liberal but feel strongly that there must be balance, a collaborative effort between parties.

Center right Republicans have been set adrift by their party and need a candidate they can believe in. Biden should offer them that opportunity in his vice president — Adam Kinzinger or Liz Cheney would be excellent. Yes, that would likely give us a Republican president in the near future. But it would give centrist conservatives someone to vote for, shockingly absent in Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis.

Our country is at a crisis point. If we are to maintain the balance, this country needs the Democrats to offer a seat at the table to Republicans who have shown themselves to be patriots. There is no other way to stop our country's slide into fascism on the Trump train.

— Erica Heyl, Winthrop Harbor

Keep ball rolling with Biden

President Joe Biden has been a godsend to the United States and deserves more time. So he's 80? How many of us have said age is but a number? He has passed his recent physicals and is competently doing his job with the energy of a much younger person. His policies and goals are what our country needs to move into the future. His recent Inflation Reduction Act aims to curb inflation by lowering the deficit, lowering prescription drug prices and investing in domestic energy production while promoting clean energy.

It also requires corporations to pay their fair share of taxes, something many of them have been able to avoid nearly entirely. Americans will also benefit at tax time with credits and rebates for buying clean energy appliances and installations.

We must keep this ball rolling in the positive direction Biden is aiming.

— Laura Cheek, Gary

Biden should bow out

President Joe Biden is too old for four more years.

— Robert Purcell, Palatine

Bring end to ageism

President Joe Biden's age is mentioned in newspaper articles and television commentaries. I am 83, active every day, playing sports, taking online college courses, practicing a musical instrument and traveling the world. The newspapers and television commentators should concentrate on a politician's actions and beliefs, not on his or her age.

There should be an end to the prejudice of ageism.

— Richard J. Aronson, Highland Park

Status of inquiry into Foxx?

The April 27 editorial "Smollett must be part of Foxx's legacy" fairly and correctly analyzes Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's grievous lapses in judgment in allowing clout to prevail in the Jussie Smollett criminal investigation.

Smollett was prosecuted by judge-appointed special prosecutor Dan Webb, and he was convicted.

Notably absent from the editorial, however, is Webb's referral of Foxx's conduct to the Illinois Supreme Court's Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Since that referral to ARDC, there has been nothing but silence about Foxx allowing "clout (to) pay off so massively in the justice system."

ARDC's silence in the nationally publicized Smollett case is hurtful to the public's confidence in the criminal justice and the state Supreme Court's attorney disciplinary system.

— Dennis Dohm, retired judge, Oak Lawn

Let Invest in Kids expire

As a former school board president and mother of three public school graduates, I appreciate Cardinal Blase Cupich's April 17 op-ed ("Here's how lawmakers can help Illinois children's education") urging the legislature to increase public school funding by exceeding Gov. J.B. Pritzker's recommendation of an additional $350 million in evidence-based funding (EBF) this year. Many education advocates hope to see at least an additional $550 million for this highly effective route to reduce the stark contrast between well-funded and poorly funded schools in our state, to accelerate our progress toward providing an equitable chance at education for all.

But I respectfully disagree that the state's Invest in Kids tax credit program is a good or proper use of our limited state income tax resources. Invest in Kids supports private schools, most of them religious, that are allowed to refuse to admit children with disabilities, LGBTQ identities or a lack of English proficiency. Invest in Kids has never been debated or voted on in the legislature as a stand-alone bill. It was tacked on to the budget at the last minute in 2017 as then-Gov. Bruce Rauner's price to agree to the new EBF funding formula. Many advocates who had worked for decades for a fair school funding model opposed it when Invest in Kids was slipped into the legislation. It is time to allow the tax credit to end at its expiration date, this year.

Illinois public schools are open to all and serve 1.8 million students each year. By contrast, Invest in Kids provides some tuition for fewer than 10,000 students and directs funds to private schools that do not accept many of the children most in need of additional support. This tacked-on program costs the state treasury $75 million each year, funding that should go to more pressing public obligations.

Those who wish to support scholarships for some children's private, religious education are free to do so, with their own dollars, and they can receive a federal charitable deduction. Our public schools are still hurting from the state's lack of investment in public education.

The people of Illinois should not be forced to provide a generous state tax break for donors to private schools.

— Ann Courter, Oak Park

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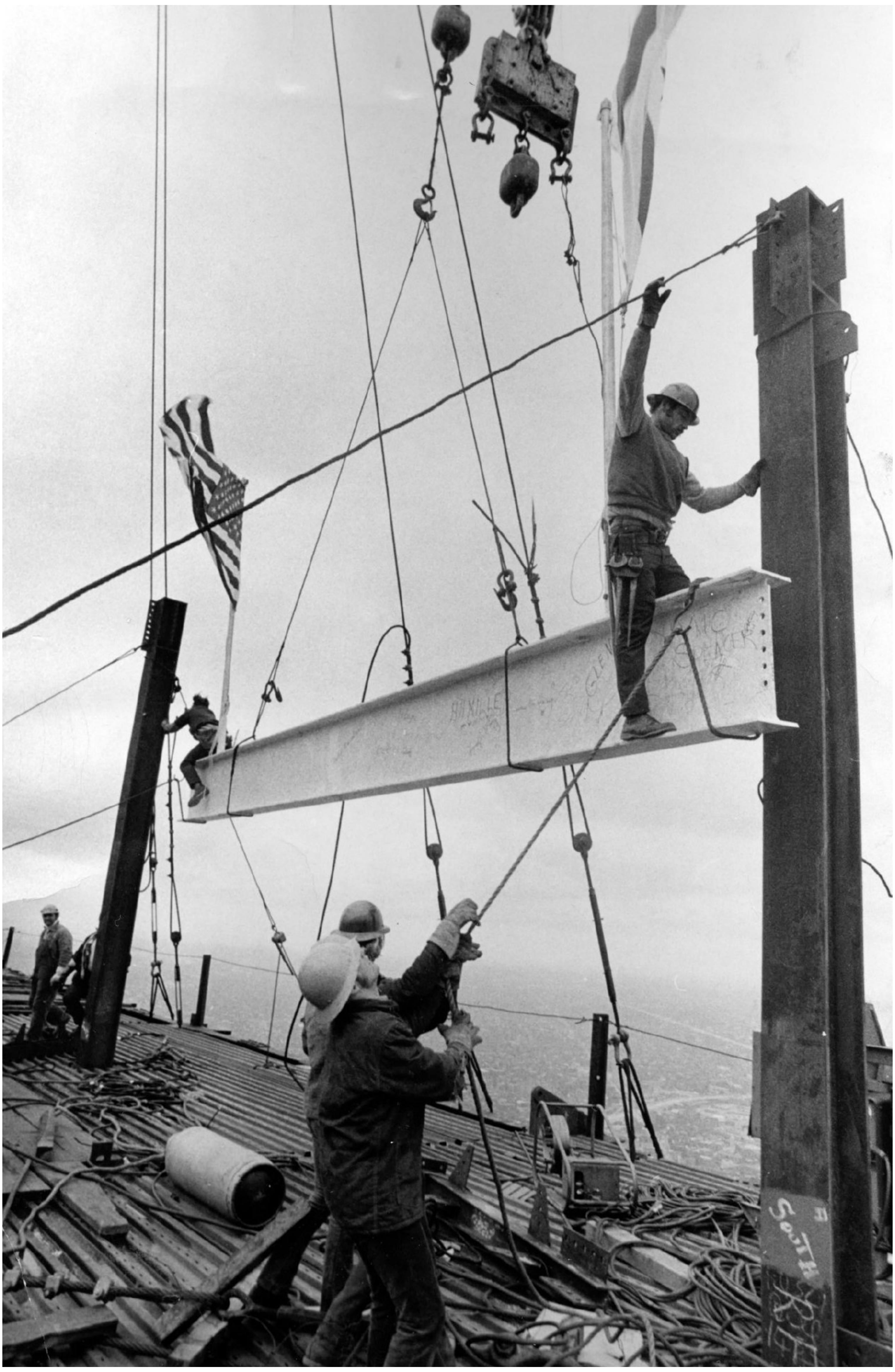

Workers guide the final steel girder into position to top out the Sears Tower on May 3, 1973, in Chicago. **CHARLES OSGOOD/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Ron Grossman
Chicago Tribune

Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s announcement that it would build the world's tallest building in downtown Chicago was a psychological shot in the arm for a city suffering from urban disorder and suburban flight.

Construction on the 110-story building on South Wacker Drive began in 1970 and at first went in the opposite direction: the digging of a 50-foot hole for its foundation.

The next year, the nuts were tightened on the first steel beam, and with each additional piece, the Sears Tower slowly became a visible reality. On March 6, 1973, fellow workers cheered when Victor Mugica set a beam that made Sears Tower a few feet taller than New York's World Trade Center.

Over just four days the following month, however, the structure seemed cursed. Four workers were killed in an elevator shaft fire. A fifth was knocked off a platform on the 109th floor and fell 35 feet to his death.

The work continued, and on May 2, the day before the scheduled topping-out party, the Tribune put New York on notice:

"After tomorrow, when schoolchildren dream of big buildings, they'll no longer think of you and the Empire State Building and the World Trade Center," the paper wrote.

Fifty years (and one name change, to the Willis Tower in 2009) later, former Tribune photographer Charles Osgood recalled the ceremony.

"It was the coldest I've ever been," Osgood said.

He had been on the Tribune payroll for just three years, and the assignment proved to be his journalistic bar mitzvah.

A longtime Tribune employee was scheduled to be the pool photographer. It was his images of the setting of the final beam that would be shared with other news outlets. But the veteran photographer, William Yates, begged off. "No, you do it," Yates said to Osgood. "I've shot a thousand of these."

So that's how Osgood ended up 1,454 feet above Chicago as the final beam was set in place. The wind chill factor had metamorphosed a relatively balmy day below into a freezing one atop the world's tallest building.

"My fingers were so cold, I couldn't press the camera's shutter button," he said. "I thought — 'I'm going to blow this!'"

Then the adrenaline kicked in. He punched and punched the button until the shutter clicked. Osgood's perseverance paid off.

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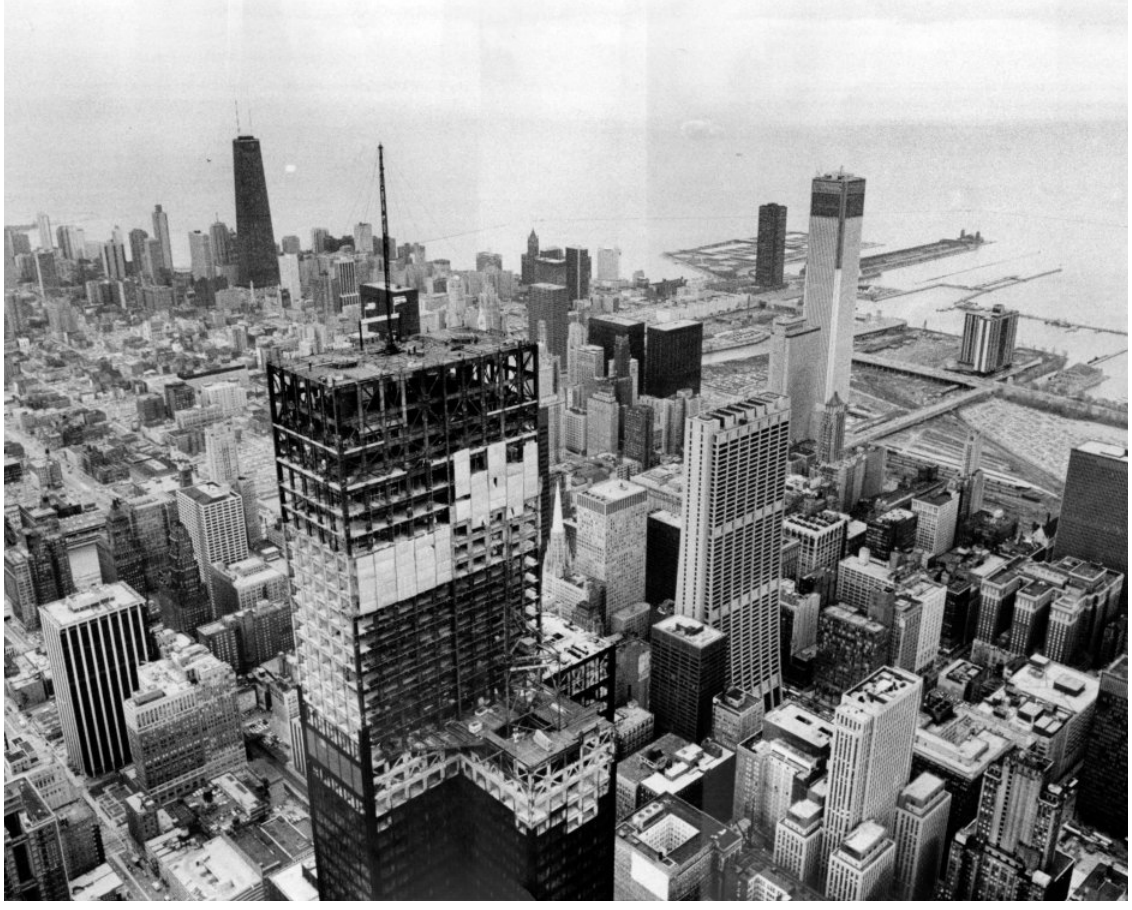

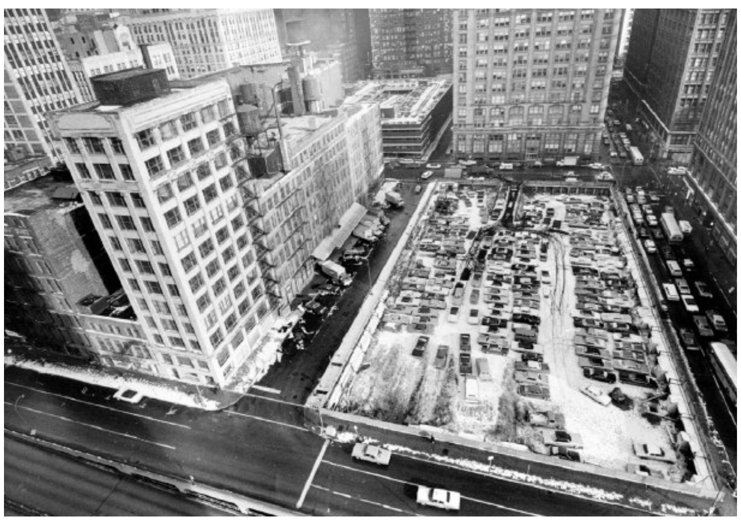

Above: An aerial view shows the "topping-out" of the construction on the top floors of the Sears Tower on May 3, 1973, in Chicago. **JAMES O'LEARY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Above right: Workers atop the Sears Tower on April 13, 1973. **WILLIAM YATES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Below right: The new site for the Sears Tower as seen from 16 floors up looking East across Wacker Drive in Chicago on Dec. 22, 1969. **DAVID NYSTROM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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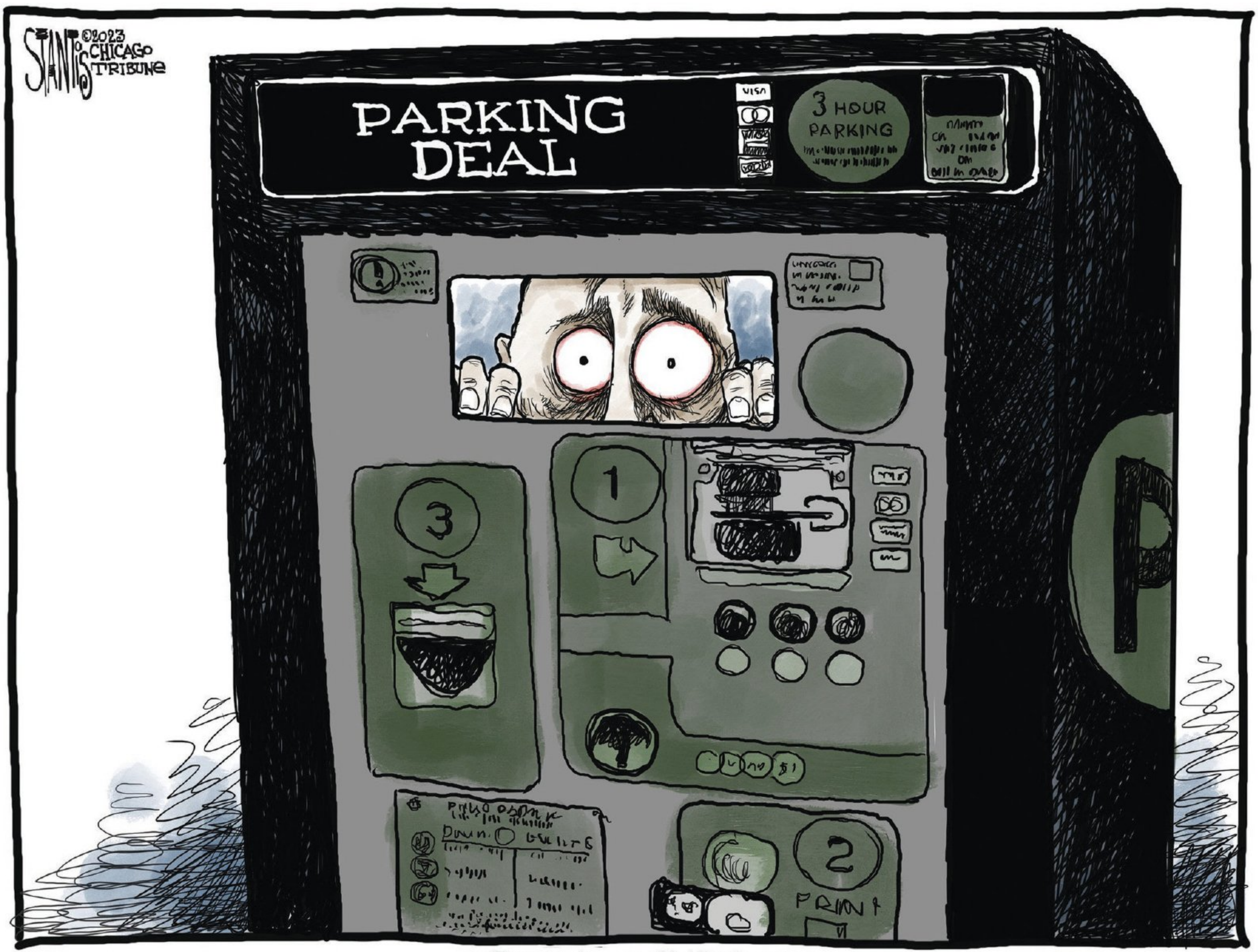

STILL TRAPPED

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There really is no way out of Chicago's parking meter disaster

In the annals of infrastructure investing, Chicago is best known for getting fleeced in a notorious parking meter deal under ex-Mayor Richard M. Daley. We regret to report that short of declaring bankruptcy, the city is more stuck than ever with this ball-and-chain agreement for decades to come.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this month affirmed the deal with Chicago Parking Meters LLC, known as CPM, the private company that profits outrageously from Daley's folly. The judges upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit brought by Chicago motorists who said the deal created a price-gouging monopoly that violates federal law aimed at preserving competitive markets.

The lawsuit claimed the deal left the city with no real control over on-street meters, and stymied efforts to expand public transit, create bike lanes or otherwise respond to changing times in any way that would interfere with the flow of meter money to CPM. Chicago, the suit alleged, had become a puppet of the investors, unable to act in the public interest without financial penalties that made action unaffordable and therefore impossible.

Alas, the appellate judges made mincemeat of that argument. While the deal "might have been foolish, short-sighted or worse," the court said, perhaps employing some irony Chicago was within its rights to undertake the giveaway, and still retains enough regulatory authority to put a kibosh on the lawsuit's monopoly claim.

So much for a creative legal effort to win back some leverage on behalf of the suckers otherwise known as Chicago's citizens.

The deal came about in 2008, as Daley and the City Council — whose lapdog aldermen were the real puppets in this case — sought to close a budget shortfall. After due diligence so cursory as to not deserve the name, Chicago agreed to sell a 75-year lease on its parking meter system for just $1.16 billion. Within a few years, the city had spent that money, and sharply jacked up parking rates, as required in the deal. The investors, meantime, recouped their original outlay within a decade, and made millions in additional profits with much more still to come.

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A parking meter near Montrose Harbor is seen in August 2022. Chicago agreed in 2008 to a 75-year lease on its parking meter system.
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The investors were fiendishly clever in guaranteeing their interests. Under the contract, the city must maintain at least 30,000 meters in any given year, according to the 7th Circuit ruling. With a few trivial exceptions, if the city cuts parking fees, reduces the number of spaces or the hours of operation, or even just fails to keep up with inflation, it is obliged to pay CPM for "lost" revenue.

After those so-called true-up payments became a political scandal in 2013, ex-Mayor Rahm Emanuel amended and reapproved the contract, further binding the city to it. As it stands, Chicago has paid more than $150 million in true-ups to CPM, according to the court's ruling, and there's every reason to expect it will be paying more in the future.

This is where we thought the lawsuit made a very good point. While Chicago has the authority to set parking rates and revise the number and location of meters, those powers are toothless, as the lawsuit said, because the city can't use them freely without paying a fortune to its CPM overlords.

The court didn't see it that way. The city has shown it still regulates its parking by, for instance, adding meters in new zones that are treated differently from those covered under the deal. "The fact that the city pays a price for certain actions cannot be enough to undermine the whole concession," the court found. "Regulation is possible even if the city must conduct a cost-benefit analysis before it takes a given step."

Benefits? What benefits?

Well, the original check didn't bounce. CPM paid the $1.16 billion upfront, temporarily saving Daley and his henchmen from making budget cuts or raising taxes while enabling them, in typical Illinois fashion, to kick financial obligations down the road.

CPM also agreed to some changes in 2013 that made the deal slightly less terrible for the city. Plus, it invested a substantial sum (though nowhere near its profits to date) in replacing old-fashioned coin meters with electronic ones, updating the system for mobile apps and handling payments. The system works efficiently, at least compared with those in other cities that haven't updated their meters.

But the cost!

Way back in 2009, Chicago's inspector general confirmed that the city had sold out for far less than the lease's value. A report by Bloomberg Business said CPM stood to earn about *10 times* what it paid over the life of the contract. Any way you slice it financially, Chicago got taken to the cleaners.

Worse still, the deal makes it harder for Chicago to get greener and otherwise change with the times. It commits the city to devoting vast stretches of public real estate to metered parking at the expense of initiatives that de-emphasize motor vehicles.

Closing streets for outdoor dining, street fairs and festivals becomes more costly, as does making the city friendlier to pedestrians, cyclists, public transit and ride-sharing. The deal also complicated Chicago's pandemic response, so, yes, it's bad for public health too.

We wish we had better news, but at least there's this: Can we all agree that Chicago must never, never, *never* let another parking meter deal happen?

The next time an arrogant mayor tries to ram through a megabucks contract lasting damn-near forever with no real analysis, remember the parking deal!

We have a message for the CPM investors too. You were far smarter than the city of Chicago and you made a fortune. How about making some voluntary concessions or giving at least a smidgen of that moola back to the city?

ABOUT BIDEN'S RE-ELECTION BID

President Joe Biden formally announced his re-election bid last week. The nation reacted with a collective yawn.

Biden's four years have been marked by a cynicism unusual even in the hard-scrabble world of politics. He campaigned as a moderate Democrat, but he has governed as an acolyte of socialist Bernie Sanders. He ran four years ago as a healer who would unify a divided nation. Yet he has delivered entire speeches dedicated to demonizing his political opponents.

Not since Jimmy Carter in 1980 has an incumbent president had such a dismal record on which to campaign.

Inflation reached a 40-year high on Biden's watch, imposing a punishing tax on the poor and middle class. It remains well in excess of recent norms. The White House economics team spent months dismissing the possibility of persistent rising prices despite being warned that massive spending bills could overheat the economy. Too many Americans sit on the sideline rather than enter the job market ...

Against this backdrop of non-achievement is Biden's advancing age. The president would be 86 years old by the end of a second term, and his faculties are clearly diminishing. Polls show that only 25 percent of Americans want Biden to run again. Almost 50 percent of Democrats would prefer he step aside.

Republicans should be rejoicing at Biden's re-election announcement, but recent history proves that they're more than capable of squandering good cards. If they continue to look backward to 2020 and fail to communicate a message of hope and economic prosperity, they'll risk yet another dud come November 2024.

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OPINION

Saying goodbye to Ziggy, the elephant in my room

By Lindsey Laughlin

Zookeeper George Lewis polishes Ziggy the elephant's tusks at Brookfield Zoo in 1938. **MAX ARTHUR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

One day, during a game of hide-and-seek, my 5-year-old called out with concern from the master bedroom: "Mom! There is a skeleton in your closet!"

"Those are Ziggy's tusks, sweetheart!" I called back, preoccupied with folding laundry.

Ziggy was an Indian elephant who spent most of his life chained indoors at the Brookfield Zoo after a near-fatal attack on his keeper in 1941. As the daughter of an exotic animal veterinarian who took care of Ziggy in the early 1970s, I had grown up with two large portions of his tusks — they had been in the closets, bedrooms and living rooms of every home I'd ever known — and they were as familiar as my reflection.

Setting down a half-folded shirt, I paused. I hadn't thought about Ziggy's tusks since my father's death in 2015.

Pulling them out from behind my wedding dress, I gently placed the tusks on the floor. They were yellowed in places but primarily white; fractured in places but mostly whole. My son ran his fingers down a smooth section of ivory and asked, "Mom, where is Ziggy now?"

At 7 tons and more than 10 feet tall, Ziggy was one of the largest bull elephants ever in captivity. He changed ownership twice in his early years — including a stint with his namesake, Florenz Ziegfeld — before joining Singer's midget circus.

At Singer's, Ziggy bonded with a clown named Charlie Becker who taught him how to play harmonica and smoke cigarettes. When Becker fell ill unexpectedly, Ziggy became unmanageable. He was sold to the Brookfield Zoo in 1936.

George Lewis, a circus worker with a reputation for handling "difficult" elephants, was hired by Brookfield to tame Ziggy. Frustrated with his slow progress, Lewis flew into a rage one evening. In his autobiography, "I Loved Rogues," Lewis wrote, "I sailed into Ziggy in a fury, and fifteen minutes later, he was laying on his side on the floor."

Lewis' moment of domination over the bull elephant resulted in a tentative bond between them. Seeing Lewis calmly walk Ziggy from his enclosure to the exercise yard became a familiar occurrence.

The peace between them changed abruptly on April 26, 1941, however, when Ziggy threw Lewis several feet across his exercise yard in front of horrified zoo visitors, then pinned him down with his trunk. Repeatedly, Ziggy slammed his ivory into the dirt trying to impale his keeper. Miraculously, Lewis escaped when Ziggy wedged his tusks into the ground.

Although this attack is as infamous as Ziggy, few people know the likely reason for it: Earlier that day, Lewis had interrupted Ziggy's intimate foray with Nancy, a female Asian elephant. Ziggy was understandably upset.

Hours after the attack, Lewis faced Ziggy once last time — to secure a chain around his ankle. Once in chains, Ziggy remained isolated indoors for 30 years.

On Aug. 28, 1971, Chicago schoolchildren succeeded in raising $50,000 for a new enclosure to set Ziggy free. "I had the privilege to cut his chain off and cut him loose," said Ed Schneider, Brookfield's lead keeper at the time. "I used a cutting torch to cut right through it. We kept his ankle cool with a hose." Ziggy was allowed to spend his days in fresh air and sunlight for the first time in three decades.

Yet, just a few years later, in March 23, 1975, Ziggy tragically fell into the moat at the front of his stall in the Pachyderm House. Schneider's wife, Gail, the curator of Brookfield's Children's Zoo, said, "That day is in my mind like yesterday. We all carried two-way radios. We heard this transmission, 'Ziggy fell in the moat!' and our hearts stopped."

With determination and ingenuity, the zoo staff rescued Ziggy. But his freedom was again short-lived. On Oct. 27, 1975, he died from old age. "For the last week Ziggy leaned against the walls of his stall for rest," my dad, Dr. Daniel Laughlin, told The New York Times. "When elephants get old and death is near, they won't lie down for fear they won't get back up. Ziggy had lost more than 1,000 pounds."

Ziggy was 58 years old, equivalent to 100 human years. The Chicago Zoological Society donated his remains to the Field Museum.

"Ziggy's skeleton is in a museum in Chicago," I answered my son. His green eyes looked sincerely into mine, silently asking his next question.

I answered him: "Yes, sweetheart, we will get these tusks back to Ziggy. I promise."

In life, humans failed Ziggy repeatedly; in death, I intended to honor him. I connected with Adam Ferguson, the Negaunee Collections manager of mammals at the Field Museum.

Ferguson shared that, in 2017, the museum exhibited Ziggy in-house for employees: "They had Ziggy's entire skeleton laid flat, every foot bone and tailbone — it was a central piece of this exhibit. They had everything except for his tusks."

Ferguson arranged for the tusks to be transported from my home in Portland, Oregon, to the Field Museum. On Dec. 9, a truck picked up the carefully packed crate containing Ziggy's ivory.

With a mixture of sadness and joy, I said a heartfelt goodbye to the elephant in my room.

He had lived there for over four decades, and it was time for him to go home.

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How South Korean president's US visit affects democracy back home

By Seung-Whan Choi

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, center, welcomes South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Thursday at the Pentagon. **AP**

President Joe Biden hosted South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol at the White House on Wednesday, marking the first state visit by a South Korean president in 12 years. This visit was intended to address South Korean concerns with American interests and for the leaders to revisit their commitment to mutual economic and military security.

Biden protected America's interests without making more substantial commitments to South Korea. This diplomatic success for Biden may have negative consequences for South Korean democracy since Yoon returned to his country with nearly empty hands.

Yoon, whose 19% approval rating, due largely to disrespect for democratic values and principles, is a historical low for any Korean leader, is likely to rely on repressive measures to counter criticism of his poor handling of foreign affairs.

During the summit, Biden stood firm on initiatives related to high-tech and economic security. American consumers, who support the Inflation Reduction Act, are incentivized to buy electric cars from Tesla, General Motors, Ford Motor and Volkswagen for a full tax credit of $7,500. These companies meet sourcing guidelines that require a certain percentage of components and minerals in car batteries be purchased from the U.S. and its trading partners.

Biden did not grant an exemption for South Korean-made Hyundai and Kia cars.

Biden also implemented sweeping restrictions on semiconductor technology exports to China. The policy has negatively affected South Korean-based Samsung. The company's chip manufacturing business, Samsung Foundry, has considerable investments in China.

Many South Koreans see these policies as an attempt to make their country a pawn in America's trade war with China. The South Korean semiconductor industry accounts for more than 19% of total exports and has made a big dent in the trade imbalance since Yoon's inauguration.

On the security front, Biden asked South Korea to provide military aid to Ukraine and laid the foundation for a triadic alliance with South Korea and Japan to counter the growing military and economic power of China and North Korea.

Yoon has shipped out a large quantity of artillery shells that are reportedly headed to Ukraine, reversing his previous stance that South Korea would provide only humanitarian and financial assistance.

Given that 53% of South Koreans rate Russia favorably and 35% hold an unfavorable view, Yoon's unilateral policy change is not welcomed. Concerned citizens and the opposition party see Yoon's policies as responsible for deteriorating relations with Russia.

Biden's proposal to build a security coalition with South Korea and Japan would, if successful, greatly help Washington isolate and weaken Beijing and Pyongyang. Biden praised Yoon on restoring friendly relations with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, but many South Koreans do not support a military alliance with Japan.

South Koreans still have bitter memories of Japanese colonialism from 1910 to 1945. Koreans were treated as second-class citizens and enemies in their own country. Korean girls and women were sexually enslaved for Japanese soldiers, and horrific human experiments were conducted on Koreans.

Despite no official apologies from Kishida for the historical wrongdoings of his country, Yoon remains committed to restarting Seoul-Tokyo relations. For example, Yoon has raised a South Korean public fund rather than securing compensation from Japanese firms for Koreans who were forced to work during World War II. This has improved relations with Tokyo but directly challenges the 2018 order of the South Korean Supreme Court.

South Koreans displeased with Yoon's overly friendly gestures toward Japan have demanded Yoon's immediate resignation to restore South Korea's national sovereignty and constitutional values. Yoon's undemocratic and unconstitutional decision has reignited sociopolitical and religious groups that were the main engine of the South Korean democracy movements before the installment of the democratic constitution in 1987.

South Koreans are unlikely to rally around Yoon if he agrees to a triad military partnership. It is particularly tough for South Koreans to embrace Japanese rearmament backed by their own government.

While North Korea relies on a nuclear deterrent for regime survival, South Korea lacks such nuclear capabilities. Doubtful the U.S. would risk San Francisco for Seoul in the event of a nuclear war with the North, about 77% of South Koreans express support for building their nuclear weapons and forces.

Biden knows that U.S. military supremacy might erode as North Korea strengthens its nuclear capabilities and develops new weapons systems. Nevertheless, Biden has no desire to let South Korea go nuclear. He instead promised Yoon that the U.S. would strengthen the level of extended deterrence for the South. The new extended deterrence means the periodical deployment of a nuclear-armed submarine in South Korea and commits Washington to consult Seoul regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

This is a small but much-needed victory for Yoon. Strengthened extended deterrence is a slightly improved version of conventional extended deterrence, but it is not enough to extinguish many South Koreans' anxiety over potential nuclear attacks from the North.

The summit allowed Biden to bolster national interests in America, Eastern Europe and East Asia. Biden received unequivocally strong support from Yoon. For his part, Yoon seemed to forget his duty to find a way to safeguard South Korea's interests. In the eyes of ordinary South Koreans, Yoon appeared to act like Biden's lap dog.

Biden's achievements correspond to Yoon's failures. Back home, Yoon faces protests over his submissive and subservient diplomacy and undemocratic decisions. In anticipation of growing domestic opposition, Yoon has prepared to impose more repressive measures: getting police officers and prosecutors ready to control dissenters and critical media, and ordering the Korean CIA and the Defense Counterintelligence Command to conduct a physical search or wiretap on South Korean citizens secretly.

If protests arise, Yoon will likely suppress voices of dissent by painting them as anti-American or North Korean sympathizers, harming South Korean democracy.

Yoon, if he interprets Biden's diplomacy as personal goodwill, may be emboldened to pursue undemocratic measures to consolidate his power, which will have dire consequences for the future of South Korean democracy.

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Officials: Vista Medical Center East sale will benefit the Waukegan area

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan, along with its affiliated physician clinics and outpatient facilities, are in the process of being sold to a 2-year-old health care company that specializes in operating community hospitals.

Vista is under contract to be sold by Tennessee-based parent company Quorum Health Corporation to Los Angeles-area headquartered American Healthcare Systems by May 31 pending regulatory approval from the Illinois Health Facilities & Service Review Board.

Officials at both Quorum and American Healthcare said their companies were privately held, and declined to give any financial details of the transaction.

Faisal Gill, American Healthcare's chief legal officer, said the company specializes in community hospitals like Vista. It will be the company's fourth acquisition of a health care company since it was founded in 2021.

"We think Vista will be a great fit for us," Gill said. "We look to find good companies, and make a difference. We like community hospitals which are the only ones in the area. We acquire community hospitals where we can make an improvement."

Nicole Edwards, a corporate communications spokesperson for Quorum, was not specific about why the current 16-hospital chain was selling Waukegan's lone hospital, and the other facilities affiliated with it.

"Quorum Health remains committed to strengthening the company by refining our portfolio to better support health services in core markets," Edwards said in the email, declining to answer other questions.

Waukegan Mayor Ann Taylor said in an email American Healthcare officials reached out to her and is pleased with the company's, "expressed intention to preserve and grow hospital services and retain existing staff."

"AHS has shared with me its commitment to health care excellence in the context of community hospitals, as well as its positive track record of acquiring underperforming hospitals and increasing health care services while preserving staff," Taylor said.

American Healthcare currently operates Randolph Health Hospital in Asheboro, North Carolina, the South City Hospital in St. Louis and Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City on the Illinois side of the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Gill said American Healthcare specializes in finding underperforming hospitals with their attendant health care operations and improves their performance. Mike Sarian, the company's founder, chairman and CEO, is an experienced health care executive.

"He has 30 years experience in the health care business," Gill said. "He decided to start his own company."

Shortly after Sarian started American Healthcare, Gill said it bought Randolph Health Hospital out of a bankruptcy and "turned it around." It is now profitable and offering better health care, Gill said.

Just under a year ago, Gill said American Healthcare acquired South City. Though not in bankruptcy, it was underperforming and is now operating on a stronger footing.

Communities like Waukegan are appealing to American Healthcare. Gill said the city is not unlike other communities where company hospitals are located.

"We don't mind going into underserved communities" Gill said. "That's where we can make a difference and provide quality health care."

Along with the hospital, Vista operates a Lindenhurst campus with ambulatory care, a free-standing emergency center and a medical office building. There is also an outpatient imaging facility in Gurnee and other offices in northern Lake County, according to a news release from the organization.

Founded as Victory Memorial Hospital in 1923, Vista Health started in 2000 taking over both Victory and St. Therese hospitals. St. Therese was subsequently closed. Quorum acquired the hospital in 2016.

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ON APRIL 30 ...

In 1789 George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803 the U.S. bought the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about $15 million.

In 1812 Louisiana became the 18th state.

In 1900 engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a wreck near Vaughan, Miss., after staying at the controls of his locomotive in an effort to save the passengers.

In 1904 the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened in St. Louis.

In 1926 Bessie Coleman, the first black female aviator, died in a crash in Jacksonville, Fla.; she was 33.

In 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1947 President Harry Truman signed a measure changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam.

In 1970 President Richard Nixon announced the United States was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973 President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

In 1975 the South Vietnamese capital, Saigon, fell to communist forces.

In 1983 blues singer and guitarist Muddy Waters died at 68 in Westmont. Also in 1983 George Balanchine, one of the greatest choreographers of his time, died in New York; he was 79.

In 1993 top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of German star Steffi Graf. (The man would be convicted of causing grievous bodily harm and was given a suspended sentence.)

In 1995 more than 10,000 soldiers, students and children in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the end of the war.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres signed an accord in Washington extending U.S. help to Israel in countering terrorism.

In 1997 ABC aired the "coming out" episode of the comedy "Ellen," in which the title character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, acknowledged she is a lesbian.

In 1999 a bomb exploded at a gay pub in London, killing three people and injuring more than 70. (David Copeland, a white supremacist, was later convicted of murder for a series of bombings in London and sentenced to six life sentences.)

In 2000 hundreds of thousands participated in a gay-rights rally in Washington.

In 2001 Chandra Levy, a federal government intern, was last seen at a health club near her Washington apartment; her remains were found more than a year later in a city park.

In 2002 Benevolence International Foundation, an Islamic charity based in suburban Chicago, and its director were charged with perjury; authorities accused the charity of supporting terrorists. (Enaam Arnaout later pleaded guilty to racketeering, admitting he had defrauded donors by diverting some of the money to Islamic military groups in Bosnia and Chechnya.)

In 2003 Israel and Palestinian officials receive the "road map" plan prescribing peace and a Palestinian state from the so-called Quartet (the U.S., the European Union, the U.N. and Russia). Also in 2003 the Navy withdrew from its disputed Vieques bombing range in Puerto Rico.

In 2004 Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment of prisoners, saying "that's not the way we do things in America." Also in 2004 Michael Jackson pleaded not guilty in Santa Maria, Calif., to a grand jury indictment that expanded the child molestation case against him. Also in 2004 former NBA star Jayson Williams was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of a limousine driver at his New Jersey mansion, but found guilty of trying to cover up the shooting. (Prosecutors sought to retry Williams on a charge of reckless manslaughter; he pleated guilty to aggravated assault in Jan. 2010 and sentenced to five years in prison.)

In 2007 a British judge sentenced five al-Qaida-linked men, all British citizens, to life in prison for plotting to attack London targets, including a nightclub, power plants and shopping mall, with bombs. Also in 2007 an Israeli government probe faulted Prime Minister Ehud Olmert for what it called "very severe failures" in Israel's war with Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.

In 2008 the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for a seventh straight time, reducing the federal funds rate a quarter-point to 2 percent.

In 2009 carmaker Chrysler filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In 2013 Dutch Queen Beatrix, 75, abdicated the throne and her eldest son, Prince Willem-Alexander, 46, became king in the Netherlands.

In 2015 a new College of DuPage board of trustees put the school's embattled president on paid administrative leave, capping a whirlwind week at the state's largest community college that saw President Robert Breuder getting approval for a medical leave hours after the board announced it would vote to sideline him.

In 2016 Burt Katz, beloved pizza-maker and co-owner of Burt's Place restaurant in Morton Grove, died; he was 78.

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Bialasik, Gordon W.

Gordon Bialasik, age 84, beloved husband of 56 years to the late Patricia; loving father of Susan (Rev. Charles) Zawistowski, Sandra and Glen; proud grandfather of Andrew, Matthew, Laura (Christian), Mark (Rachel), Emily and Ashley. Memorial gathering 9:30 A.M. until time of Mass, 10:30 A.M. Friday, May 5, 2023, at All Saints Cathedral Polish National Catholic Church, 9201 West Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Rainbow Hospice or PNCC Clergy Pension Fund c/o Western Diocese PNCC 920 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068 would be appreciated. For information, **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com

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Bishop, Bonita 'Bonnie'

Bonita "Bonnie" Marie Bishop (nee Berg), 73, of Huntley, formerly of Cary, died peacefully in her home on April 28, 2023.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 4 p.m. to time of prayer service 6:30 p.m. all at **DeFiore Funeral Home**, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley.

For further information and the full obituary, please contact the **DeFiore Funeral Home** 847-515-8772 or online condolences may be posted at www.defiorefuneral.com

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Bodenstab, David E.

David E. Bodenstab, age 75, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2023. He was born on May 5, 1947 in Oak Park, IL to Edward and Ruth Bodenstab, who preceded him in death. Survived by his brothers, Steve (the late Theresa) and Paul Bodenstab; and nephew, Matthew Bodenstab. Visitation Tuesday, May 2, 9:30-10:30 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church, Modaff Rd., Naperville, with Funeral Services at 10:30 AM. A luncheon will follow at the church. Interment will be at Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, IL. **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville was entrusted with arrangements. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for a complete obituary.

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Brown, Carol L.

Carol (Levin) Brown, 81, passed away on April 25, 2023 after a brief but debilitating illness, at home and surrounded by her family. The beloved daughter of Harold and Pauline Levin, devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, Carol grew up in Winnetka, Illinois. She met her husband Ed at a Valentine's Day dance when they were freshmen at New Trier High School. After dating throughout high school and college, they married in 1963 and raised their family in Highland Park. Carol and Ed were an inseparable couple and would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2023.

Carol attended Indiana University and National Louis University and worked as an elementary and preschool teacher for many years, including 20 years at Beth El preschool in Highland Park. Carol was a creative, spirited and compassionate teacher who touched the lives of many students and their families, particularly students with special learning or emotional needs, whom she championed and kept in touch with for years.

Carol and Ed had three daughters, Lisa, Karen and the late Julie. Their adult lives were shaped by the loss of their middle daughter Julie, who died in 1979 at age 8 following a two-year battle with a malignant brain tumor. The profound sadness never left them, but they preserved their daughter's memory through pictures and storytelling and found strength in how they faced her illness, death and the aftermath with courage, dignity and determination. This tragedy strengthened their marriage, intensified their love for family and their zest for life. Carol was a role model for her daughters Lisa and Karen as a strong, devoted woman and mother with a fighting spirit and boundless love for her family.

Carol loved cooking and gardening and hosting friends and family in her beautiful backyard. She was a lifelong crafter – mostly knitting and needlepoint – and took great pleasure in making pillows and sweaters for her family. She and Ed shared many interests – they were avid theater, concert, movie and museum-goers, took adult education classes together at Northwestern, and loved travel, adventure and exercise. They took month-long camping trips, visiting nearly all 50 states, canoed in the Skokie Lagoons and were avid bicyclists – on separate bikes, then a two-wheeled tandem, and then a three-wheeled tandem – consistently logging over 2,000 miles a year.

Carol was blessed to have a close-knit family that lived nearby. She treasured her three grandsons (Daniel, Jordan and Eli Meek) and two granddaughters (Alli and Emily Sattler). Carol loved hosting holidays and family dinners and treasured sleepovers, baking, board and card games, reading and watching movies, craft projects, and outings to museums and the botanic gardens with her grandkids. Her relationships with her grandkids evolved as they got older. She cheered them on in their academics, jobs and sports (she rarely missed a Highland Park High School tennis match or hockey game), cherished their visits and phone and video conversations, and extended her deep affection to the most important people in their lives, including their friends and her grandsons' long-time girlfriends.

If you were lucky enough to be Carol's close friend or family member, Carol would do anything for you. She was a natural caretaker and problem-solver. An honest and wise voice. A steady hand in a crisis. The trusted person to whom you turned for advice and practical guidance. Her loyalty and generosity towards those she loved knew no bounds.

Carol will be deeply missed by her husband Ed, her daughter Lisa and husband David (Meek), daughter Karen (Sattler) and husband Joel, and her five grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held. Instead of flowers or food, if you wish to honor Carol's life, please make a contribution in her memory to the American Brain Tumor Association at bit.ly/DonateABTA or via mail: The American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 West Bryn Mawr Ave. #550 Chicago IL 60631. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Brummel, Sr. Marietta IBVM

Brummel, Sr. Marietta (Margaret), IBVM. Beloved daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Tinnes Brummel. Loving sister of Joyce Reising (deceased) (Tom), Mary Louise Brummel (deceased), Nancy Doran (Tom), Joan Wiczek, and David Brummel.

Marietta was deeply dedicated to education and had a very inquisitive mind. She taught school at Northlake, Carmichael, Woodlawn and Detroit. She spent 12 years helping to organize and implement a religious education program for the Sault Ste. Marie area in Michigan. She returned to teach at Western Springs but then accepted the challenging role of Vocation Director for the IBVMs. Religious education called her again and she served as a DRE in a Lincoln, IL parish and at St. Charles in Elmhurst. For four years she was a valuable resource for many at the Religious Goods Store in Wheaton. This was not, however, the end of her dedication to education. She then became the Director of Loretto Extension Program until it closed with the sale of Wheaton.

Memorials may be sent to IBVM Development Office, Box 508, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Marietta's life will be celebrated Monday, May 1st, at the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters' Chapel on Roosevelt Road in Wheaton. Visitation: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; Mass at 10:30 am followed by burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Wheaton. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Burque, Donald Arthur

Don peacefully passed on April 20 after a 15-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. Originally from Providence, RI, he was a longtime resident of Western Springs, Oak Park and Burr Ridge. Don will be deeply missed by his family and friends, who will always remember him for his kind and caring nature, his infectious smile, quick wit, and his warm and welcoming spirit. Full obituary available at Legacy.com.

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Carey, Helen Kuhn

Helen Kuhn Carey, of Northfield, Illinois, a world-traveler, compassionate and beloved mother and grandmother, dispenser of sage wisdom and advice, and a remarkable, savvy real estate investor, passed away at age 93 on April 22, 2023. Helen, born in 1929 to Joseph and Theresia Kuhn on the north side of Chicago, was a loving wife of 66 years to William T. "Bill" Carey (who preceded her in death), proud mother to William (Linn), Joseph (Renata), Elizabeth (Daniel) Colston, and devoted grandmother to Daniel (Allie) Colston, William Carey, David (Savannah) Colston, Joseph Carey, and Nicholas Carey, as well as a delighted great-grandmother to Charlotte Colston.

A lovely, intelligent, talented and worldly lady who danced on a stage at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago as a child and could play any piece of piano music placed in front of her with flair and aplomb (one of her favorites being "Ragtime Cowboy Joe"), Helen grew up in a household where everyone spoke both German and English and worked extremely hard, but always enjoyed a drive in the country on Sunday after mass, or a picnic in a park. After her parents and a treasured uncle pooled their hard-earned wages and purchased a baked goods shop on Willow Street (soon called the "Kuhn Bakery") in the depression, she joyfully helped the bakers decorate cakes and the counter-helpers ring up sales, sharpening her business, communication, and sales skills at a young age.

In order to earn some extra "pocket-change," Helen also worked after school in the Ravenwood Sears department store on Lawrence Avenue and helped to keep the books for the family bakery (which expanded into cookie production in the 1940s and became the "Delicious Cookie Company"). Her entrepreneurial parents and uncle also began to purchase small apartment buildings in Ravenswood, and she pitched in to help them manage these properties and keep track of rent payments, thereby becoming knowledgeable about real estate in the process.

After graduating from St. Gregory's High School, she attended St. Mary's College, across the street from the University of Notre Dame, where she met her husband of 66 years, Bill Carey. Her high grades as a Biology and English major enabled her to qualify for Valedictorian of her class. Following graduation in 1951, she taught kindergarten classes in the Westmont, Illinois, school district, commuting in her first car, a Studebaker sedan, along old Route 66. She was a tireless proponent of education and learning for her children and grandchildren throughout her life. She continued as a teacher until she became engaged to Bill, who was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during the Korean war, and then traveled around the Mediterranean with other "Navy wives" after their marriage until the end of Bill's service in 1955.

Helen settled in Chicago with Bill, and they raised three children in their Skokie and Northfield homes. She became thoroughly involved in her children's grade-school education, running the Parent-Teachers Association and Winnetka Children's Hour, helping to bring in guest lecturers through the Volunteer Talent Pool and setting up showings of classic movies to enrich their learning experience. Sometimes (to the great surprise of her children), she would even substitute-teach in their classes! An avid gardener, Helen was also happily involved in the Winnetka Garden Club and had a lifelong passion for flowers, plants and trees. She also became involved in New Trier High School parent organizations and presided as the president of the St. Mary's College Chicago Alumni Organization for a number of years, where she enjoyed setting up meetings and lectures for alumni and writing for and editing the organization's newsletter. Despite all of these activities, Helen loved to travel with Bill, and saw numerous countries throughout the world. She also loved to play tennis, walk, tap dance, take Tai Chi classes, watch mystery shows on TV, and go to plays, concerts and musicals, and she had a remarkable eye for modern art and taking terrific photos.

In the late 1970s, Helen turned her professional attention to real estate. With Bill, she invested in apartment buildings in Ravenswood and Lakeview and continued to help to manage her parents' properties. As a result, property ownership and management became their full-time business for the rest of their lives. She truly loved working alongside her husband and children in the family's real estate offices throughout the decades and never retired from business. She spoke to her children daily about their real estate properties and came into the office one day a week at age 93. She even continued to drive her car on her own until a few months before she passed away!

Despite her continued, avid interest in business, she was entirely and wholeheartedly devoted to her family. Helen was extremely proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild; for her, family always came first and foremost, and nothing brought her joy like being surrounded by her family during lunches, dinners or special holiday gatherings. She inspired everyone in her family to strive to do their utmost best in every aspect of life and to never, ever settle for less than that lofty - but achievable - goal.

A truly remarkable renaissance woman, she was an inspiration to her family as a person of deep faith, as well as a business-person, stock market "guru", daughter, spouse, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. Everything Helen did was out of love for the other person and wanting the best for them. Through her actions toward others, she taught her family to embrace the philosophy of putting others first.

Elegant, sophisticated, well-read, loving, knowledgeable about a wide range of matters large and small, and always full of surprises, Helen was also the great communicator of her family, and she touched so many lives with her kindness, spirit, and generosity. If there is a garden up in heaven, she will surely improve and beautify it until it shines as bright as the sun and warms the hearts of all who visit, just as the memories of her wonderful and exquisite life hearten and inspire her family, which dearly misses her effervescent personality and smile now down below.

Helen also loved happy clothing colors; she thought they spread cheer. We kindly ask those attending the funeral to wear cheerful colors and if you can't attend, please wear happy colors on May 6 and spread cheer in honor of her.

Visitation, Saturday, May 6, 2023, 10:00am until time of Funeral Mass 11:00am at Divine Mercy Parish at **Saint Philip the Apostle Church**, 1962 Old Willow Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Helen's name to American Forests, 1220 L Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005 (americanforests.org). Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Cervenka, Rudolph J.

Rudolph (Rudy) J. Cervenka, age 95, U.S. Army Veteran, cherished father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, at rest April 25, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Marian E. Cervenka. Loving father of Michael Cevenka and Linda Macchia. Dear grandfather of Joseph (Kelly) Macchia, John (Sarah) Macchia, Gianna Macchia, Meghan Cervenka, and Tiffany Cervenka. Proud great-grandfather to Jack, Natalie, Sophia, Brady, Jeremiah, Alex, Christian, and Nicholas. Brother of Ronald, Edward, and William. Celebrated for doing things on his own terms, sometimes unconventional, but always creative. He was self-determined, genuine, sincere, and always ready with a joke when you needed it most. Throughout his life, he cherished the opportunity to work with his hands and found great fulfillment in creating things from scratch. Known for the fervent love he had for his wife, Mickey, and their children, he treasured their shared journeys and their time spent together. Family and friends will gather on Tuesday, May 2nd, for Mass at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien. Entombment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Honor Flight Chicago would be appreciated: honorflightchicago.org/memorial-gift. Additional Information: (630) 325-2300 or adolfservices.com.

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Coco, Agnes M 'Peggy'

Beloved Daughter of the late Charles and Rose Coco; Dear Sister of the late Anthony (the late Josephine) Coco and the late Annie Coco; Cherished Aunt of Anthony (Rachel) Coco, Michael (Marion) Coco, Marianna Woosley, and Stephen (Teresa) Coco; Loving Great Aunt, Cousin, and Friend of many. Funeral Service Thursday, May 4th, 9:30am from **Carbonara Funeral Home** 1515 N 25th Ave Melrose Park, Il to St. Ferdinand Church; Mass 10:30am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, May 3rd, from 3-8pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Wounded Warriors would be greatly appreciated.

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Cohen, Anita

Anita Cohen (nee Aizenstein), 90, April 25, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Allan Cohen; loving mother of Ila (Tim) Brouder and the late Ira (Debra); cherished grandmother of Kevin (Stephanie) and Bryan Brouder; much loved sister-in-law to Larry & Brenda Cohen, Shirley (the late Solomon), Francis (the late Joseph), and preceded in death by her parents Iser and Jaya Aizenstein, sisters Luba (Johnny), Judith (Paul), Lois (Bernard), and brother Max; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Anita will be remembered for her warmth, joy and kindness and devotion to family and friends. Anita loved spending time with family and friends, traveling and gardening. In lieu of flowers, please carry on Anita's tradition by planting flowers this spring or donating to a charity of your choice. Chapel service Sunday, 10 AM, April 30, at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For the link to view the service, shiva information or to leave condolences: www.shalommemorial.org or 847-255-3520

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Daggett, Sandra Louise

It is with great sadness that we announce Sandy's passing on April 15, 2023 after a prolonged illness. Sandy was born in Chicago on February 26, 1948 to John Schulz and Florence Schulz (nee Wielgos). Sandy moved with her parents and young brother Fred to Otsego, Michigan in 1953. Sandy graduated from Otsego High School and returned to Chicago in 1966 to attend The Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. She met the love of her life Kenneth Daggett, whom she wed on December 12, 1967. Sandy and Kenny bought an historic century old Victorian mansion in Wicker Park from which they celebrated annual Twelfth Night gatherings for scores of friends and neighbors. Tragically, Kenny was lost to cancer at an early age and Sandy had to soul search her options for the future. The Stryker family of Chicago/Oak Brook was fortunate to learn of Sandy and hire her as the Nanny, a personal/ professional relationship that lasted 25 years. Sandy moved to La Grange in 1998 where she added dozens of new friends and neighbors to her Twelfth Night invitation list. When Sandy retired as the Stryker children grew to adulthood, she became a fulltime dogsitter, housing scores of beloved pets over the ensuing 15 years. Sandy loved all animals (but especially dogs), loved scrapbooking and crafts, and doing all home repairs and improvements herself. She was truly a "pioneer woman". Sandy is survived by her brother Fred (Helen) Schulz, nephew Christopher Schulz, cousin Janice Willis, and sister-in-law Suzi Zimmerman. She is profoundly missed by the beloved children she helped raise: Alexis Laughlin (Bret), Sean Stryker, Nicholas Stryker and Ethan Smid. She adored her beautiful dogs Lillian and Emmy Lou. She is missed by many longtime friends and neighbors.

Visitation and funeral service will be held May 5, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 124 N. Spring Ave, La Grange, IL 60525. 10 am Visitation and 10:30 am Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandy's name to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter would be much appreciated. 847-945-0235

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Doyle, Mary Agnes Draland

Dr. Mary Agnes "Maggie" Doyle of Skokie, passed away on April 23, 2023, after a long illness. She is survived by her loving husband, Paul C. Edwards, and other relatives and friends in many states. Maggie was preceded death by her parents, Richard L. and Donna A. (Draland) Doyle. A graduate of Augustana College, Maggie completed a doctoral dissertation in Performance Studies at Northwestern University, in 1988: "Games of Lamentation: The Irish Wake Performance Tradition." For several decades, Maggie maintained an active presence in the National Communication Association's Performance Studies Division, presenting papers at its annual conventions. Simultaneously, she worked as comptroller and office manager at her father's business,

Richard L. Doyle Associates Architects in Peoria, Illinois, until her father's death in 2006. She alternated her career in Peoria with work as an actor and performance artist in Chicago. Visitation Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Service 12:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Service, 10045 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immune Deficiency Foundation, 7550 Teague Road, Suite 220, Hanover, MD 21076 or The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.

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Dunne, Joyce Westin

Joyce Westin Dunne. Age 89, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on April 23, 2023 at her home in Chicago—just shy of her 90th birthday on May 6th. She was vivacious, energetic, and known for her quick wit, incisive mind, spirited humor, kindness and sartorial elegance —traits that characterized her behavior and style until the end. Until four months before her death she was still exercising with her cherished group of girlfriends.

Joyce was proud of the accomplished family she left behind, which includes her daughters Jessica Lagrange (Steve Johnson) and Christina Dunne -Anderson; grandchildren Christophe (Kelly) and Lucien Remy Lagrange. Her beloved great-granddaughter Rae Lagrange. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Walter Dunne; her parents, George and Clara Westin; and her sister Joan Westin (Vern) Wendt. She was a wonderful aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Joyce graduated from Amundsen High School in Chicago's Lincoln Square and began her career as a fashion and runway model. After 25 years, she went on to establish her own event planning businesses, where she produced all types of private and corporate events. Her business was tremendously successful due to her creativity, eye for detail, innovative mindset, sophisticated taste and outgoing personality. Thanks to these qualities, she became known as an icon in the wedding planning industry and was often quoted in the most renowned national bridal publications due to her keen, perceptive, and always honest industry observations.

In truth, these qualities defined Joyce her entire life. She had an eye for quality, beauty and detail, and everything she did reflected her impeccable style and taste. These qualities served her well in other beloved pursuits, from helping her husband garden to frequenting antique markets and designer resale and thrift shops, where she always found well-priced and exquisite treasures. Not surprisingly, Joyce was also a devoted, much beloved and esteemed volunteer at the Mount Sinai Resale Shop. She was an excellent hostess at dinner parties in her home, where her warmth and generosity made everyone feel welcome and adored.

Joyce Westin Dunne will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and her legacy of elegance, grace and kindness will be cherished forever. A private funeral service will be held for her family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that her many treasured friends and acquaintances raise a glass of good wine in her honor. It's what Joyce would have wanted.

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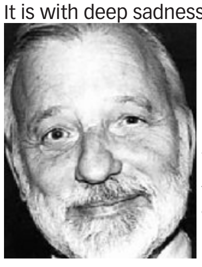
Eichlin, Arthur S.



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Arthur S. Eichlin at his home on April 22, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Dr. Eichlin was born in Chicago on Aug. 27, 1935, to Arthur and Irma Eichlin. Art had an idyllic childhood, growing up in the Chicago neighborhood of Norwood Park as an only child. He attended Norwood Park Elementary school and, after graduation from Taft High school, he attended Northwestern University before transferring to the University of California Berkeley and graduating with a degree in Journalism. He was then drafted into the Army and served in counterintelligence during the only time our country wasn't at war (between the Korean and Vietnam wars). When he returned to civilian life, he became Luther League advisor at his beloved Norwood Park Lutheran Church, where he met Marian Heinz. They were married in 1968 and celebrated their 55th anniversary two days prior to his death.

Art worked as an administrator for Kiwanis International, working with youth in their Key Clubs and, later, for Rotary International, administering their foreign student exchange program. Immediately after his engagement to Marian, he headed to Nice, France, for six months (during the worst snowstorm ever in Chicago), to help set up the Rotary International conference, which was attended by thousands of people from around the world. Speaking no French, he tried to get by with his limited German. Later on, because of his extensive involvement with youth programs, he decided to return to college and subsequently earned his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, and Doctor of Philosophy degree in the History of Education from Loyola University of Chicago. He began his career as an Assistant Dean of Students at Loyola's Water Tower campus, moving on to becoming Dean of Students at St. Xavier University on the south side of Chicago.

In 1976, Art moved to his family to Caldwell, Idaho (pop. 17,000) to serve as the Dean of Students at the College of Idaho, a small Presbyterian college. In 1981, the family moved to Boise, where Art began working in adult education administration at Boise State University. Four years later, they made a bigger move to Billings, Montana, where he served as Continuing Education/Summer Session Director at Montana State University-Billings until his retirement in 1997. After trying out various jobs and activities to fill his free time, including working at Lutheran Social Services, he began volunteering in the Mansfield Center Medical Library at St. Vincent's Healthcare. They quickly hired him in a regular part-time position in Guest Services there, which he thoroughly enjoyed for the next 11 years.

Church membership was always the center of Art's life. At a young age, he was found following the pastor around at the church picnic. He was youth advisor for many years, taught Sunday School, served on church councils and many committees. He was known for his deep, melodic voice, and he often put it to good use as a lector in church.

Art loved history and his house was filled with World War II and Civil War books. He also loved trains. Art was an avid Chicago Cubs and Green Bay Packers fan. Many thanks to Terry Knapp (Henderson, Nevada), who was such a faithful friend, calling Art several times a week during his long illness, despite their longstanding Bears/Packers feud. The other love of his life was his cat, Mulligan.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; and his son, Daniel (Rebecca Summers). Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Barbara (Ron) Olle (West Chicago, Illinois); his brother-in-law, Martin Heinz (Billings); and his cousin, Linda Northwick (Georgetown, Texas).

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave.

Donations to honor Art's life may be made to American Lutheran Church or The Nature Conservancy of Montana, 32 S. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601.

Condolences may be made at www.michelottisawyers.com.

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Englehart III, Harry Augustine 'Hud'

Harry "Hud" Augustine Englehart III, 76. Beloved husband of Donna More. Loving father of Maizey Englehart. Loving son of the late Mercedes and the late Harry Augustine Englehart Jr. Dear brother of Nancy (the late David) Snyder, Joan (the late George) Rodriguez and the late Carol Englehart Scott. For Hud Englehart, Par 3s meant three was his lucky number. Hud had three parts of his life: his career and his family, and he was a three-peat Super Senior Club Champion in golf. Hud passed away on April 28th at the young age of 76. A native of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, Hud's incredible career in public relations led him to the most exciting cities and the most interesting jobs. In his young life and professional career, golf was always his trusty sidekick. The two blended seamlessly together. Hud was on the golf team at Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, and he continued his golf career at the University of Michigan and wrote for the Michigan Daily. Just last year, Hud was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Letterwinners M Club. His public relations career took flight in 1969 at Mellon Bank in Pittsburg. His game continued to improve with leadership roles at Hill+Knowlton in Chicago, Lockheed Martin in Los Angeles, and Kemper Lesnik again in Chicago. Hud certainly had his A-game when he transitioned to Rasmussen Reports for 13 years in business development. The second round of his career took him into teaching as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University, where he taught his career favorites of crisis management, integrated marketing, and communications. But, Hud drained it in his career as president of the Glen View Club Scholarship Foundation. He was incredibly proud of the 62 young men in women in college last year because of grants from Glen View Club members. While Hud's passion and dedication for chasing birdies were legendary, his love and devotion for his wife and daughter were unmatched. There was no bigger fan of Donna More than Hud. Throughout their partnership, he and Donna played through. They leaned on each other, learned from each other, and loved each other. And their ace, Maizey, was the light that shined in Hud's eyes. Donna and Maizey were at his side when he passed. Recapping the game, Hud Englehart's life was one of the best scorecards ever. Service Monday, 10AM at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 700 W. Adams St., Chicago. A private family interment will be held at Westlawn Cemetery. Hud never had enough time in the day to spend with his friends far and near, and his charitable endeavors were never-ending. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Glen View Club Scholarship Foundation, 100 Golf Road, Golf, IL 60029, www.gvcscholarship.com. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Fishbein, Debra

Debra "Mom, Grammy, Debbie" Fishbein, nee Dissen, 77, of Northbrook, IL passed away on April 28, 2023 after her fourth courageous battle with cancer over the last 38 years. Debbie was born on March 13, 1946 in Chicago and was the third daughter of the late Benjamin and Ruthe Dissen. Debbie met her husband Kenny in the fall of 1959, during her freshman year at Senn High School. They went on their first date on April 2, 1960. From that moment on, their fate was sealed and a beautiful life together began to unfold. The high school sweethearts married in 1965 when she was 19 years old and Kenny was 20. Shortly after, Debbie and Kenny were quick to start a family. By the age of 27 years old, Debbie was a busy and devoted mother of four sons. In her younger years, Debbie relished her role of being a mother. She never missed a ball game, a golf match or any other activity her boys were involved in. As a proud and involved grandmother of five grandsons and three granddaughters, she resumed her role in the stands, on the golf cart and excitedly attended dance recitals and school performances. A selfless and true matriarch, there was nothing more important to Debbie than Kenny, her boys and their growing families. Debbie and Kenny were fortunate enough to be able to take all 8 of their grandchildren on trips to anywhere in the world prior to each of them entering high school. These trips created everlasting memories for them and their grandchildren. These travels included trips to Europe, Japan, China, New York City, Pebble Beach and even a deep sea fishing trip in south Florida. Debbie was small in stature but a warrior within, especially when it came to her family and those she deeply cared about. She had a deep-rooted need to protect, nurture and love her family and friends. True to her character, even throughout her own challenges, others were always her priority. Described as the most selfless, caring person one could know, Debbie made everyone feel special and heard. Her unwavering kindness extended to the closest of friends and to mere acquaintances. She treated everyone the same. She was an inherent giver on every level. Her thoughtfulness was felt and seen in the largest and smallest of ways. Debbie is survived by Kenny, her soulmate and devoted husband of 57 years. She was the beloved and revered mother of David (Mariann), Jeffrey (Sharyl), Daniel (Stacey) and Jimmy. Grammy is also survived by her eight "angels from heaven" as she called them: her grandchildren, Jacob, Sami, Noah, Isabel, Bennett, Carly, Eli and Billy. Debbie is also survived by her older sister, Jackie Steiner and the late Lynn "Cissy" Bernstein. Debbie was also the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. An incredible friend to all, Debbie will be greatly missed by her close circle of friends, including her oldest and dearest friend in the world, Arlyn Goodman. Funeral service Monday, May 1, 1 PM at Congregation BJBE, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. A celebration of Debbie's life will follow interment at Twin Orchard Country Club, 22353 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove, IL 60047 until 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation (give.rolfefoundation.org/give/349387/#!/donation/checkout?c_src=RolfeHeaderButton). For info: 847-256-5700

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Foody, Walter 'Mickey'

Walter "Mickey" Foody, lost his battle with cancer on April 27, 2023 at the age of 69. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents James "Bud" and Jeanne (nee Haener) Foody. Loving brother of the late Dr. James (Nancy) Foody, Jeanne (Ed) Galzin, Kathleen (Joe) Streit and Mary Beth Bray; Fond uncle to Ben (Dominique Giancarlo) Bray, Sam (Emilie) Bray, Amy Streit, David (Frankie) Foody, Michael (Hilary) Foody, Megan (Alex) Pappas and Danny Foody; Loving great uncle of Ollie and Charlie Bray and beloved nephew of Joan Haener; Founder of Perfusion Tech of Greater Chicago. He will be remembered for over 45 years of selfless dedication to the service for others. Walt/Mickey was greatly loved by his wonderful neighbors and all who knew him, and his passing will leave a void in our hearts. He rescued several dogs over the years and will be missed by Sandy, his beloved dog, who lay by his side until his very last breath. Memorial to be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors**, 708-425-3700 or www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com.

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Gabrielson, Joan

Joan Gabrielson of Orland Hills, age 72; loving wife of John Gabrielson and sons Jay and John (Yuki); daughter of the late Steve and Elsie Stelmack. Joan is also survived by her sister, Chris; brother-in-law Ed (Kathy) Gabrielson; nephews Matt and Ben. Joan was an ace student who devoured books and became a librarian. She worked at Tinley Park school district for several years. She enjoyed cooking for her family, celebrating special occasions and lively conversation. We pray she is happy. Memorials may be made in Joan's name to American Kidney Fund.

Goldberg, Michael Jay

Michael Jay Goldberg, age 72, resident of Clearbrook, Rolling Meadows; beloved son of Bernie and the late Theodora "Teddie" Goldberg; loving brother of Barbara (Marty) Stern and Lee Goldberg; cherished uncle of Meredith (Steve) Manes, Amanda (Jared Holzman) Stern, and Marissa (Jeremy) Baras; treasured great uncle of Isabella, Tyler, Bridget, Cooper, Oliver, and Talia; dear cousin of many. Michael always greeted you with a big hug and kiss. He brought joy to everyone. Graveside service Monday 10:30 a.m. at Westlawn Cemetery, Section Evergreen, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Clearbrook, www.clearbrook.org/donate/. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Gubbins, Nanette Elaine 'Anne'

Nanette Elaine "Anne" Gubbins (nee Fogel), 76, of Libertyville, IL, passed away on April 20, 2023. Anne is survived by her husband of 39 years, Dr. Earl John Gubbins; her daughters, Sarah Alexandra and Charlotte Lynn; her dear sisters, Kathleen (Eugene) Rudy, Linda (Lynn) Zumdahl, and Gail Hunter; as well as many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Homer A. and Peg Fogel; her in-laws, Earl G. and Janet H. Gubbins; her sister Maureen T. Christen; and her beloved nephews, Timothy J. Wilson and Jory E. Rudy. Private funeral services at Ascension Catholic Cemetery, Libertyville. Please read full notice at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Haas, Helen B.

Age 77, of Dunlap, Illinois died on Monday, April 24, 2023 while in hospice care at her home of natural causes.

She was a daughter of Catherine (Sweeney) Haas and Fabian F. Haas of El Paso, Illinois. A graduate of El Paso Schools and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Helen taught elementary school classes in the Chicago Public Schools beginning in 1974 until her retirement in 2007. While living in Chicago, Helen was an active member of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, a volunteer at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in the food pantry, and at Lincoln Park Zoo's Farm in the Zoo. In Dunlap, she was a member of St. Jude's parish.

Her remaining siblings include sisters Mary (Paul) Anderson of Chicago, Margaret Haas Minnis of Naples, Florida; brothers Joseph B. Haas of Tremont, Illinois, Leo E. Haas of Denver, Colorado and her sister-in-law Teresa B. Haas of Davenport, Iowa. Helen's seventeen nieces and nephews who also survive were held by her with special affection.

She was preceded in death by her sister Marilyn J. Caughey and brother Dennis M. Haas as well as brothers-in-law Robert Caughey and James Minnis. Sisters-in-law Cristelle (Vaeth) Haas and Doris (Henderson) Haas also predeceased her.

The care at home was provided by Mrs. Tamia Banks with Living By Your Design, Apostolic Christian Home Care Services, Interim Healthcare of Peoria and the Carle House Hospice.

Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial Services and burial will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials in Helen's memory may be made to St. Jude's Catholic Church, 10811 North Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61615 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cremation arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Wright & Salmon Mortuary. Friends and family are encouraged to log onto www.wrightandsalmon.com to submit photos, sign the online guestbook and share Helen's memorial page via social media.

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Hogan, Marylin

Marylin Hogan, 91, of Lisle IL, formerly of Elmhurst, IL, passed away on Monday April 24, 2023. She was born on October 25, 1931, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Helen nee Wefler and Victor Ficker. Loving wife of 68 years of Edward F Hogan who she married on June 26,1954 at St. Barbara Church. Dear mother of the late Edward Hogan Jr., the late Michael Hogan, Mark (Carol) Hogan, Kevin (Cindy) Hogan, Matt (Kim) Hogan, and Neil Hogan. Adored grandmother of 12 and doting great grandmother of 12 and foster mom to many. A Memorial Service will be held at Visitation Catholic Church in Elmhurst on Monday, May 8th with a Visitation from 9:00AM to 10:00AM and a Funeral Mass at 10:00AM. A private inurnment will be held at Queen of Heaven cemetery in Hillside IL. For more information, please visit Friedrichjones.com or call 630-355-0213.

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Hollenkamp, Patricia L.

Patricia L. Hollenkamp, of Evanston, passed away April 4, 2023. Pat was born April 20, 1948, in Dayton, OH. She was pre-deceased by her loving husband, Bertil Sollenskog, her parents, Joseph G. and Virginia L. Hollenkamp, and her brother Joseph Hollenkamp (the late Linda Selberg).

Survived by her siblings Mary Ramey (the late Alan Croft), Barbara Luby (Mike), John Hollenkamp, Jan Castillo (Scott), Anne Biewald (Bob) and grandson Julian Sollenskog (fiancé Lainey Francis). Many nieces and nephews will miss "Aunt Pat" as well as their children. Also survived by stepchildren Christina McDonald (Mike), Annica Sollenskog (fiancé Chris Machak), Robert Sollenskog and Jacqui Sollenskog.

Visitation Friday, May 5th, 3:00 until 7:00 pm at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass at St. John XXIII Parish (St. Nicholas Church) 806 Ridge Ave, Evanston 60202, on Saturday, May 6 beginning at 9:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes (Employee Appreciation Fund), 8707 Skokie Blvd, Ste 400, Skokie, IL 60077 (PrebyterianHomes.org/Foundation) or St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. John XXIII Conference, 806 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60202 would be greatly appreciated.

Info: **donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.**

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Holly, Geraldine 'Geri'

Of St. Petersburg Florida, formerly of Rolling Meadows and Melrose Park Illinois died peacefully surrounded by family on April 26, 2023.

Beloved daughter of the late Jerome and Jane Holly, dearest sister of the late Diane (Gerald) Lock, the late Judy (Joey) Torchia, the late Ronald Holesovsky, Art (Rita) Holly, and Barbara (Jeff) Boehler. An awesome Aunt to nine nieces and nephews and great Aunt to thirteen nieces and nephews. Geri was an avid scrabble player, loved to spend her time at the beach or her condominium pool and fiercely loved her family and many friends.

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Hyman, Elmer Lyon

Elmer Lyon Hyman, age 98, beloved husband of the late Dolores, nee Chester for 60 years. Beloved father of Larry Hyman, Sharry (John) Nicholas and Mark (Jane Coleman) Hyman. Loving grandfather Julia (Chris) Tulley, Joshua, Abbie (Ben Gorgan) Nicholas, Zachary Hyman. Dear brother of the late Paul (Gloria) Hyman and the late Ronald (the late Suzanne). Fond uncle of many. He will be dearly missed by many other extended family. Service Monday, 2 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Zion Gardens, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to JUF, Ben Gurion Way, 30 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606, www.juf.org. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Judae, Nora Marie

Nora Marie Judae, 92, of Chicago, IL, passed peacefully April 15, 2023 after a brief illness. Devoted daughter to the late Leonard and Martha (nee Zender) Judae. Loving sister to Bobby O'Malley and Betty Gainer and the late Dolly Daly, Nancy Nickson, and Mary Maher. Beloved Aunt, Friend, and cousin to many. She loved the arts, classic movies, and the opera, and she was an avid reader. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Harbour, Inc. 1440 Renaissance Drive, suite 240, Park Ridge, IL 60068 (theharbour.org); or a charity supporting arts and theater. A private internment will occur at a later date. Arrangements by **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 773.736.3833 www.smithcorcoran.com

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Kahne, C. S. J., Sister Laurina

Sister Laurina Kahne, C. S. J., age 89, Beloved Member of The Congregation of St. Joseph, celebrating 70 years of Religious Life. Sister Laurina was born on June 20, 1933 in Chicago, IL to Millard C. Kahne and Lauretta Blattner. She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings: Lauretta Grady, Millard, Bernard, Leonard and Richard Kahne. She is survived by sisters: Joyce (Ignacio) Rodriguez and Rita (Robert) Mischler, as well as many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews. Sister Laurina earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from DePaul University, and her Master's of Religious Education degree at Mundelein College. She taught elementary and high school for 26 years at: Our Lady of Bethlehem, LaGrange Park, IL, St. Anthony, Chicago, IL, St. Cletus, LaGrange, IL, St. Francis Xavier, LaGrange, IL, St. Margaret Mary, Chicago, IL, St. Mary, West Chicago, IL and Riverside, IL, St. Victor, Calumet City, IL, and St. Paul High School, Chicago, IL. She also worked in Hispanic Ministry at St. Cletus, LaGrange, IL, and St. Alexis, Bensenville, IL and through the Joliet Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry for 30 years. Visitation 8:30 to 9:45am Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at The Congregation of St. Joseph, Alexine Chapel, LaGrange Park, IL 60526 where Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Kazragis, Gary Walter

Gary Walter Kazragis, age 71, of Chicago passed away on April 24, 2023. Beloved son of Walter (the late Shirley) Kazragis. Dear brother of Kimberly (Phillip) Richmond, Neal Kazragis, and Allison Kazragis. Loving cousin and friend to many. Inurnment at Queen of Heaven to take place at later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** in Countryside. Funeral info: 708-352-6500

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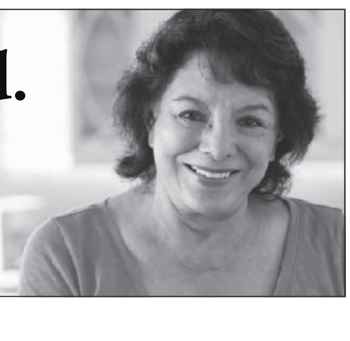

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Kelley, Pat

Pat Kelley passed away April 23rd, 2023 at the age of 104. Pat, a longtime resident of Barrington, retired from Illinois Bell after a forty-year career. Loving mother of Patti Kay (John) Hagedorn and Marybeth (Bill) Maupin: Adored Grandmother of Ryan and Sean Maupin, Kelley (Kenny) Boggs and Maureen (Kevin) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard (Dick), her parents Edward and Gertrude O'Malley, and sisters Irene (Swany) Swanson and Kay (Bob) Roden. A memorial service will be held May 6th at Addolorata Villa Chapel, 555 McHenry Rd, Wheeling, IL. Visitation 10:00 AM followed by 11:00 AM mass and luncheon. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send messages of condolence.

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Klepitch, Georgian Gertrude

Georgian Gertrude Klepitch, nee Nelson, 95, beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Karl (Rita) and John (Linda); the late Linda (Sam) D'Amato and David (Nancy); loved grandmother of Kimberly Deissenberg (partner Michael Pack), Patrick (Julia) and Karrie D'Amato, Kyle (Laura), Shelly, Courtney, and Brett (Joie) Klepitch. Visitation 9:00 am until the time of Funeral Service at 12:00 pm. Friday, May 5, 2023 at the **Glueckert** Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arl. Hts., IL 60004. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lincoln Park Zoo, https://www.lpzoo.org , appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.**Glueckert**FuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Lee, Marianne Patricia 'Annie'

Marianne Patricia "Annie" Lee, 83, of Chicago, passed away on April 25, 2023. Marianne was born on April 21, 1940, in Davenport, IA, to the late Camilla (nee Schmitz) and Joseph Mueller. She grew up in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood with her brothers, Michael (Bonnie) Mueller and Francis Mueller, whom she adored. A devout Catholic, she hit the pews weekly at St. Gregory the Great Parish. She was married to the late William Robert Lee Sr. for 53 years. She is survived by her beloved brother Francis Mueller, four loving children Laura (Jerry) Cressy, Victoria Lee, William (Traci) Lee Jr., and Joseph (Anna) Lee; grandchildren Zachary Lee, Tyler Lee, Connor Lee, Michaela Cressy, Cami Lee, Brenda Halter, Kathryn Cressy, Gunnar Lee, Jack Halter, Hayden Lee, Giovanna Lee, and Giuliana Lee; great-grandchildren Kalikolehua (Koko) Lee and Ariana Lee. She is preceded in death by her husband William, her brother Michael, and her parents. Visitation Tuesday, May 2, 3-8PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave, in Chicago. Funeral Mass 11AM at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 5545 N. Paulina St. For more information, www.smithcorcoran.com or call 773.736.3833.

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McCormick, Veronica L. 'Ronnie'

Veronica L. "Ronnie" McCormick nee Spatz of Vernon Hills, IL, formerly of Venice, Fl and Lake Geneva, WI, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children in Libertyville, IL, on April 27, 2023. Ronnie is survived by her four children Kathy (Denny) Moller, Karen (James) Streu, Jack McCormick (partner Terri Calandrillo), Janet (Scott) Richards, 13 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, John W. "Jack" McCormick Sr. For service information and to read Ronnie's full obituary, please visit www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com.

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McGee, Tricia

Tricia McGee was born on March 16, 1960 to her proud parents, Martin and Kay (Greene) McGee. She is the cherished sister of Martin (Allison), Michael (Anne Marie) and Jan McGee (Douglas Barnes), and the beloved aunt of Jennifer McGee, Adrienne (Ryan) Warkins, Carolyn (Eric) Przybylinski , Peter (Mariel) McGee and Thomas McGee. Tricia grew up in River Forest. She attended Whittier Elementary School in Oak Park and graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School. She also took classes at Triton College. Tricia's most important education came from her parents, who were determined to explore every possibility for Tricia and others with Down Syndrome. Tricia delighted in calling Misericordia "home" for the past 39 years. She initially lived in the Village and for many years resided in the Shannon apartments before she graduated to Kaperl Home in Quinlan Terrace. Tricia was very proud of the jobs she performed on campus. Over the years, she worked in the bakery, the laundry, and took special pleasure in sorting and delivering the mail. Her favorite place on campus was the art room, where she was able to develop what she called her "colorful mind." Her second favorite place was probably Misericordia's pool where she practiced her backstroke. She was not shy about displaying the many Special Olympics medals she won. Misericordia enabled Tricia to live her best life by engaging her in meaningful work and creative classes. She also thrived in Misericordia's warm social environment. Tricia was a compassionate soul, always aware of the needs of those around her. She developed life long friendships with both residents and staff, which her family witnessed throughout her years but especially during her final week of life. Tricia had more than 50 visitors stop in to say goodbye. Tricia's family has often claimed that she is the luckiest girl in the world. They are right. Visitation Thursday, May 4, 10 AM at Misericordia Home, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago, until time of the Mass at 11AM. Interment private. In lieu of sending flowers, donations to Misericordia Foundation would be greatly appreciated. For funeral information, please call 773-736-3833.

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McGinty, C. S. J., Mary Peter

Sister Mary Peter McGinty, C. S. J., age 98. Beloved member of The Congregation of St. Joseph, celebrating 75 years of Religious Life. Sister Mary Peter was born in Chicago, IL on March 2, 1925 to James McGinty and Edith Hyngstrom. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sr. Carolyn McGinty, C. S. J. Sister Mary Peter received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL, her Master of Arts degree in theology and her Doctorate in theology, both from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. She taught at Nazareth Academy, LaGrange Park, IL, Rosary College (now Dominican University), River Forest, IL, Marquette University, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, St. Francis Xavier, LaGrange, IL, St. Cletus, LaGrange, IL, St. John Fisher, Chicago, IL, and St. Leonard, Berwyn, IL. Funeral Liturgy and Interment have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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McNamara, Thomas F

Thomas F. McNamara, age 69, of Meadowbrook Manor La Grange for 7 years. Loving father of Kristine (Taylor) Daft, and Teresa (Jordan) Freeman ; dear son of Margaret McNamara, nee McCarthy, and the late Francis McNamara; devoted grandfather of Johnathan, Aubrie, Kaylie, and Connor Daft, Ellen and Joseph D'Elia ; fond brother of Michael, Susan, Dan (Beverly), and Jim (Lori); uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Gathering Saturday, May 06, 2023 from 9:30 AM until time of Memorial Mass at 10:15 AM at St. Alexander's Catholic Church, 300 S Cornell Villa Park, Illinois. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery. Funeral info: steuerlefh.com or (630) 832-4161.

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Mend, Sally 'Virginia'

Sally Mend (nee Culp) born July 5, 1928 in Englewood, died at home with her family in North Park January 8, 2023. Devoted wife of 43 years to the late Olaf. Sally was preceded in death by Jack Raizene, who remained a dear friend after their marriage ended. Devoted mother to Mark Raizene and Steven (Lisa). Loving grandmother of Melissa, Luke, Lily and Daniel. Caring great grandmother of James, Jackson and Matthew. Sister of the late Ruth, Joy, Vera and Raymond. Once called "the greatest bar talker" by Studs Terkel, she was a real Chicago original. Lover of the arts and music from Sarah Vaughn to Pink Floyd. Great friend of Jerry Garcia. Her limitless kindness and generosity may never be replaced, only remembered with fondness. Donations to UNICEF in her honor would be appreciated. Memorial lunch Saturday May 13, 2023. Please contact Steve at sallymemorial1@gmail.com

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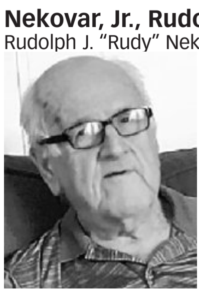
Nekovar, Jr., Rudolph J. 'Rudy'



Rudolph J. "Rudy" Nekovar, Jr. of Hodgkins, formerly of Riverside, North Riverside and Cicero, age 86. Loving father of Curtis (Janet) Nekovar, Melody Johnson and Keri (Jorge) Herrera; former spouse and dear friend of Christine Stout; proud grandfather of Nicole (Ray) Dalrymple and Morgan, Nicholas and Benjamin Johnson. Rudy was a retired florist of many years working with Romani Florists, Phillips Flowers, Heritage House Florists and Curtiss Bridal. He was the wedding coordinator at Riverside Presbyterian Church for many years and was known as the "Original Wedding Singer", long before the movie! Rudy had the gift of music and was a talented singer dating back to the '40's and '50's and won first place at Hot Point Family Night in April of 1949 among many other awards. He loved crosswords, pro wrestling and was an avid fan of Judge Judy. A Memorial Service will be held at Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W. 59th St., La Grange Highlands, IL on May 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception at the church, followed by Inurnment at Bronswood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Angels Grace Hospice. 440 Quadrangle Dr., #G, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Original Kuratko Family – Brian D. Kuratko, Funeral Director. For funeral info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Newgard, John Richard

John Richard "Dick" Newgard, 78, was born on May 2, 1944, in Glendale, California to John and Margaret (nee Byrne) Newgard. He died Thursday, April 27, 2023, at his home, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Mr. Newgard was a 1962 graduate of Prospect High school. He was an electrical contractor employed with Henry Newgard & Company before he retired. Dick enjoyed traveling and seeing new places and especially liked his spontaneous road trips. He is survived by his longtime partner, Karen McGuire; his daughter, Holly Newgard; his sister Karen Noland, and his brother James (Anita) Newgard; and his former wife, Kaki Newgard. Dick is preceded in death by his son, Pfc. William Newgard; his parents; his brother-in-law, Michael Noland; and his nephew, Sean Noland. Private services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 http://www.cancer.org. Condolences can be given at www.**Glueckert**FuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Okabe, Richard A.

Richard A. Okabe 75 of Salt Lake City, UT passed away peacefully on April 22, 2023 after a brief, but heroic battle with cancer. He was born in 1947 to Thomas and Rose Okabe. Despite living in Utah for over thirty years, Rick identified himself as a Chicagoan, the city of his birth.

A leader in the Japanese American community, Rick sought to educate and preserve the Japanese American experience. He worked tirelessly for over 25 years to help bring about the Topaz Museum in Delta, UT, a museum dedicated to preserving and educating the public about the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Rick was an amazing man.
His mother in-law once said to his wife Karen "who is going marry you with 2 kids and 2 dogs?" Karen's reply was "someone who loves animals." Rick was not an animal lover, but married Karen, none the less. This act says volumes about Rick's character. Rick was the rock of our family, quietly taking care of us, and leading by example. He showed us what it means to be a loving and caring son, husband, brother, friend and uncle, and above all, a dedicated and loving father. His kind and generous spirit knew no limits, and his dedication to family was present in everything he did.

Rick is survived by his wife, Karen, and stepchildren Todd and Brooke (Gregg), grandson Alex, sisters Elaine Kaneshiro (Darrell) and Jan Andersen (Mark), nephews Jason Andersen (Tiffany), Michael Andersen (Melissa), Ben Andersen (Vanessa), Craig Kaneshiro (Stephanie), and grand nieces/nephews Dylan, Mabel, Nora, Daniel, Aria, and Kiyoshi.

A memorial service will be held in June, 2023. Date, location and time will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Rick's memory to the Topaz Museum, P.O. Box 241, Delta, UT 84624 or topazmuseum.org or to Nihon Matsuri, nihonmatsuri.com.

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Peters, James E. '"Pete"'

James E. "Pete" Peters passed away on April 18, 2023 at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA. Pete started it all on May 20,1944 in El Paso, Texas, the son of a stationed military father, Raymond, and his mother, Moneta (Smith). The vast majority of his young life was spent in Michigan, where his family and the Midwest itself raised a very Midwestern man - kind, practical, and unwaveringly concerned with the well-being of others. From a young age, Pete was a profound athlete. He excelled at many sports, and though he was humble, kept the newspaper clippings and trophies to prove it. During his collegiate years playing basketball at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, he became the 2nd leading scorer in school history. He still remains among the school's all-time leading scorers, despite decades of longer schedules and the advent of the three-point line. He continued to play competitive basketball into his thirties in a state league. His other loves were tennis, which he played with skill and dedication for many years, as well as fanatical fishing with his family and friends in the waters of Canada. Once competitive athletics were in the rearview mirror, Pete became an avid runner, clocking six miles a day in the hilly terrain of West Dundee, IL, where he and his wife, Trish, raised their son, T.J. Time plus wear and tear eventually turned him into an avid walker, where he truly hit his stride. Whether it was in IL or at his home in Palm Desert, CA, Pete used the outlet of walking not only for exercise, but as a source of meeting new people and making new friends, who he always managed to invite home to dinner. He also developed the quirky habit of hunting for errant golf balls that golfers abandoned after a bad shot. He could spot a golf ball like an eagle spots unsuspecting prey. And he kept them. Multiple dresser drawers housed not clothing, but Titleists. Pete did not golf. Pete had an impressive professional career selling training materials to major corporations across the country. He provided well for his family and was a savvy investor, with a keen and altruistic interest in medical research and advancement. It is both cruel and ironic that he was taken from us by a very sudden, very aggressive cancer. Pete is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia (Flanagan), his son T.J., and his soon-to-be daughter-in-law Rachel Portele, as well as his loving sister Beverly (David) Oviatt of Galesburg, MI., nephew Greg (Mindy) Oviatt, niece Beth Wilson and their children. He will also be missed by his Flanagan in-laws, extending to the Cate, Moran, and DeTineo families of Indiana and Chicago. Pete was whip-smart, a devious fibber, and a trickster. He relished one-on-one conversations and a good Manhattan. He was a loving and adoring husband and father who was loved and adored back. Beyond his loved ones, he leaves behind an empty glass, the doors of new friends he had yet to knock on while walking, and many a room that would be made more interesting by his honest, thoughtful, and sometimes invasive questions. We will miss him forever.

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Richert, James T.

James T. Richert, age 68. Loving husband of Carmel (nee Smyth). Dear father of Ciara Richert. Cherished son of the late John C. "Jack" Richert Jr. and the late Grace (nee Schinnick). Brother of John (Patricia) Richert, Jeanne (Daniel) Reynolds, David (Laura) Richert and Janet (Edward) Bachler. Uncle of many nieces, nephews, and godfather of Dana Richert. Member of Mid-America Carpenters Union. A Memorial Visitation will take place Wednesday May 3 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. - with Time of Remembrance from 7:30 until 8:00 pm, at **Donnellan Funeral Home**, 10525 S. Western Ave., Chicago. For info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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Robson MD, Martin C.

Dr. Martin Robson, 84, passed away on April 15, 2023. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio on March 8, 1939 to the late Martin and Agnes Robson. Martin is survived by his wife Leslie, daughter Karen Jacobson (Ty Arends), sons Douglas Robson (Anne) and Martin C. Robson III (Jacque), sister Carolyn Schwem, and seven grandchildren (Meghan Dabkowski [Ben], Brendan Robson, Brett Jacobson, Dillon Jacobson, Kevin Robson, Colin Robson and Evan Robson). His brother, Dr. William Robson, preceded him in death.
Martin attended Northwestern University and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He completed his general surgery residency at the Brooke Army Medical Center and his plastic surgery residency at Yale University.
Martin was a dedicated surgeon with a passion for helping others and advancing the standard of treatments, specifically for burn patients. He was also a proud veteran and served two terms in the United States Army achieving the rank of Colonel.
Throughout his career, he served as Chief of Plastic Surgery at the University of Chicago, Wayne State University, the University of Texas Medical Branch and was an Emeritus Professor at the University of South Florida. An internationally recognized leader in the fields of burns and wound healing, he was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and held Honorary Fellowships from the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Martin served as President of the American Burn Association, the North American Burn Society, the Wound Healing Society and the Association of Academic Chairmen of Plastic Surgery. He was the recipient of many honors including the American Burn Association's Distinguished Service Award and the Wound Healing Society's Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award. He also received Lifetime Scientific Achievement Awards from the Association of Advanced Wound Care and the World Union of Wound Healing Societies.
Martin held Chairman positions for the American Board of Plastic Surgery, the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery and the Plastic Surgery Research Council. Martin authored over 650 publications, mostly devoted to wound healing, wound infection, burns, and proliferative scarring, and was a named inventor on numerous patents related to plastic surgery and wound care. He served as a visiting professor at over 50 universities throughout the world.
Martin was a proud husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes.
A memorial service will be at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. CDT with a lunch reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Plastic Surgery Research Council Baronio Research Fund (www.ps-rc.org/baronio).

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Saigh, Mary Lu

Mary Lu Saigh, nee Knuerr, age 93, passed away peacefully at home April 14, 2023. Mary Lu was born in Chicago, attended Kelvyn Park High School and received a BA in Education from DePaul University. She took great pride in teaching young students in the US, as well as Europe. She was married to the late Richard J Saigh for over 60 years and was the loving mother of Mark (Maria), Elizabeth (Constant DeMattia), the late Richard Jr. and Peter Saigh. A woman of incredible strength, pure elegance & class, Mary Lu was an incredible role model to her three granddaughters Olivia, Mia & Ava DeMattia, whom were her absolute pride and joy. Mary Lu was a kind, loving and spiritual woman. She had a heart of gold and a zest for life. Her graceful approach to everyday living brought joy to everyone she met. She cherished spending time with family and was a fond Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Mary Lu was an avid Chicago sports fan and enjoyed playing tennis and bocce ball with her many friends. She had recently become a loyal follower of collegiate sports especially University of Michigan, Indiana University and soon to be Michigan State, where her granddaughters attend college. Visitation Friday, May 5, 2023, 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847)675-1990.

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Saldanha, John W.

John W. Saldanha, 73, passed away on April 27, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. John was born June 25, 1949 in Mangalore, India. He was the fifth child of the late Abundius and Mary Saldanha.
John was an ever-loving and caring person who dedicated his life to taking care of his family with both great patience and sacrifice. He was loved and respected by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. He imparted great wisdom to all who sought his advice.
John spent his entire life unselfishly working towards the betterment of his children. He left his hometown, Mangalore, and went to the Middle East to seek better opportunities working for international companies. After his marriage in 1973, he joined his wife, Rita Pamela Saldanha, in the US and started his married life. He always strived to attain his goal and became a successful entrepreneur.
John is survived by Rita (wife), David (Son) Daniel (son), Darrell (son), Ashley (daughter-in-law), and Aiden (grandson) Saldanha.
John also leaves behind James (brother), Rita (sister-in-law), Marian (brother), Euphemia (sister-in-law), Jane (sister), Terry (sister-in-law), Lizzie (sister-in-law), and nephews/nieces Vijay, Jason, Steven, Ifan, Kevin, Charmaine, Allan, Sherman, Alger, Alistar, Athena, Megan, and Melanie. He'll be greatly missed by all the friends and relatives who were blessed to know him.
Visitation will be held Monday, May 1 from 4:00-8:00pm at Michaels Funeral Home & Cremation Care, 800 S Roselle Road, Schaumburg. Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00am on Tuesday, May 2 at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates. Guests are invited at 9:30am to pay final respects to John at St. Hubert Catholic Church. Interment to follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine.

For more information please call 847-891-2900 or visit www.michaelsfh.com.

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Scheaffer, Fred

On April 18th, Fred passed away at age 85. Born January 25th, 1938, Fred was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sharon (nee Boettcher); his brother-in-law Dennis TerBeest and nephew Aaron TerBeest. He is survived by his brother, Burton (Carol) Scheaffer; sister Rennee Scheaffer; sisters-in-law Kay (Dennis) Maikowski and Patricia TerBeest; and nieces and newphews. Fred had a Master's degree from UIC and taught undergrad classes. Later he worked for the Social Security Administration. As pre Fred's request, no service will be held. Memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation are greatly appreciated.

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Schelewitz, Thomas Joseph

Thomas Joseph Schelewitz of Hillside and Lake Carroll, IL., age 88. Beloved husband of Vilma nee Tessaro; loving father of John Schelewitz, Jennifer (Daniel) Gerdes and Susanne (Greg) Cabo; proud grandfather of Tessa Gerdes; dear brother of Lois (the late Paul) Saner and Mary (Bob) Kissell; fond uncle to many. Selflessly devoted husband to his wife of 57 years, lover of life and family and a faithful Catholic who was never without a charming joke. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 10am until time of funeral mass: 11am at Alexine Chapel at Nazareth Academy, 1209 Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph (csjoseph.org/make-a-gift) or ChildFund International (childfund.org/ways-to-donate). For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Schilke, Susan Mary

Susan Mary Schilke, 72, of Burlington, NC, passed away on Friday, April 21, 2023.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Full obituary can be viewed at www.richandthompson.com.

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Sorenson, Jack K.

Jack K. Sorenson, long-time Des Plaines resident, passed away on October 1, 2022 after a brief illness. Born February 23, 1932 in Chicago, he was a lifelong resident of Cook County. He was preceded in death in 2021 by his wife Rita of 54 years, and is survived by his children and grandchild. A proud graduate of Schurz High School and Northwestern University, he answered his call to duty with the U.S. Army in 1954. Upon his return, he worked as a travelling auditor for Haskins & Sells. After his marriage in 1967 and children, he settled in Des Plaines and soon thereafter took a comptroller position with National Material in Elk Grove, where he remained until his retirement in 2009. A dedicated employee and an amateur handyman, there was no job too tough for him to handle. He had many friends and hobbies, and his cheerful nature and sense of humor will be missed by all.

Visitation will be at Memory Gardens chapel in Arlington Heights on Friday, May 5th, from 9-11am. Funeral services immediately following visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jack's name to the Korean War Memorial Fund, c/o American Legion Post 36, 1221 Oakwood St., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

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Spanos, Thomas James

Thomas James Spanos, 82, retired C.P.D.; beloved husband of Rosalie (Altmeyer); devoted father of Fred (Julie), Nick (Kelly), Tony (Jenny), Tom (Michelle), and Jimmy; loving son reunited with Constance and James; cherished grandfather of Marianna, Tommy, Samantha, Thomas, Gerry, Nicholas, Alyssa, Nikko, Sophia, and Bella; dearest brother of Chris and the late Phyllis; fond uncle of Tom. Visitation, Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 4-8 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapel, 450 W Lake St, Roselle, IL.; Relatives and friends are requested to meet Monday Morning May 1 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave, Niles, IL. for 10 a.m. Funeral service. Entombment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD., Info: 847-833-9522

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Stamos, Paul

Paul Stamos (born Apostolis Stamatelos) passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Lincolnwood, Illinois, where he resided for more than 61 years with the love of his life Helen née Spiropoulos. He was 91. He was preceded in death by his parents Panayiotis and Panayiota of Achladokambos and his brother Angelo of Columbia, South Carolina. Paul emigrated in 1951 from the small village of Achladokambos near Argos in eastern Peloponnesus, Greece at age 19. He is survived by his devoted wife Helen, of 65 years, who lovingly referred to Paul as "Her Knight In Shining Armor", three children, Mary Beth, Peter (Gina) and Van (Beth) Stamos, five grandchildren Lainy (Chris) Field, Christy Stamos, Jennifer Stamos, Alexander Paul Stamos, Zachary Evan Stamos and a great grandson Jack Peter Field, brothers Gus and John, sister in law Jackie (Angelo) Stamos. Paul attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and studied Engineering. Over the course of more than 50 years, Paul built and grew his business, Store Equipment Company, Inc, a store fixture/construction organization serving the restaurant industry, as the president and owner during the majority of that time. At the same time Paul was deeply committed to and involved in his community. He was a longtime volunteer and the President of St. Demetrios Church of Chicago and the Lincolnwood Lions Club and held leadership positions within multiple other service organizations including the Shoreline Chapter of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the United Hellenic American Congress, and the Brotherhood of Achladokambiton 'St. Demetrios'. He was always very involved in his children's lives including participation with Indian Princesses and as league director and coach of Lincolnwood Little League Baseball when they were young. He was an avid golfer achieving 2 holes in one and played in tournaments all around the US and even returned to Peloponnesus, Greece to play golf in 2013 . He enjoyed good quality time working in his garden and took great pride in his yearly vegetable harvest . He was a huge baseball fan who was initially devoted to the Chicago White Sox but ultimately the Chicago Cubs became his favorite team to watch. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. Paul was a kind and grateful man, who recently said, "I've had a great fulfilling life and I wouldn't change anything". Visitation Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Service at 10:00 AM at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 West Winona Street, Chicago. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Saint Demetrios Church. Arrangements by **Memory Eternal Funeral Directors, Ltd.** (847) 375-0095.

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Staszewski, Denise S.

Denise S. Staszewski (nee Sulla), age 73, beloved wife of George F. Staszewski; loving mother of Peter G. Staszewski and Maria K. Staszewski; cherished grandmother of Benjamin G. King; dear sister of Sam (Gail) Sulla and Christopher (Helen) Sulla; fond aunt, great aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Park Lawn, 5040 W. 111th St. Oak Lawn, IL 60453, would be appreciated. Funeral info 708-429-3200.

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Stilp, Thomas John

Thomas John Stilp, "TJ", born May 8, 1939, passed peacefully on March 20, 2023, at his home
in Evanston, IL. "TJ" was born the oldest of three, in Appleton, WI, to Thomas and Helen Stilp.

Married to Pauline "Polly" Stilp (Strazis) on Feb 16, 1963, TJ devoted his life to medicine, a renowned neurosurgeon, Vietnam Veteran, husband, father, grandfather, mentor, animal whisperer, and selfless giver.

TJ went to Marquette University where he met Polly, in 1961. They were married and had three boys, Tom (Becky) (Spencer & Samantha), Sam (Regina) (Mata, Hans, Augie) and Ben. While in med school at Marquette Medical College of Wisconsin, TJ was drafted. In 1966, he went to Vietnam as a battalion surgeon. He returned from the war in 1968 and he and Polly relocated their growing family to Chicago. TJ finished his residency at Northwestern and started his private neurological practice in 1974.

TJ loved animals and gave selflessly to caring for them, he volunteered at the Evanston Animal Shelter with Polly, adopting many animals to loving homes. TJ also volunteered as a "cuddler" at The Cradle in Evanston, helping calm newborns who were up for adoption. Many a Thanksgiving, Easter or Christmas with family was missed to be with those most in need.

TJ spent decades as a mentor to his "friends of Bill Wilson" advising those who admired his calm and disciplined demeanor. He impacted many people, changing the course of their lives forever. A man of faith and belief, one of his favorite prayers was the Serenity Prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." He also believed that "God does not give one more than one can bear." TJ believed and practiced both on a daily basis.

TJ was a relentless learner, after retiring in 1998 to spend time with his grandchildren, he got his real estate license and went to law school. He also pursued his love of flying and obtained his pilot's license, flying for many years. Always a voracious reader, he would read journals, books and textbooks to keep current. His love of science and learning was ever present, he famously preserved a brain and skull that he kept in his library, annually visiting his grandchildren's classrooms for a show-and-tell, wishing to inspire the next generation of neurosurgeons.

TJ will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. His generosity, calm and steady demeanor and always being available to help or give advice will be greatly missed
A memorial will be planned for a later date in May to celebrate a life well lived. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Cradle in Evanston in honor TJ's legacy.

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See Denise S. Staszewski notice.

Tarzian , Christina M.

Christina M. Tarzian. Born in Chicago on August 7, 1952, Passed on April 22, 2023. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made through the Tony Laughlin Memorial Fund: https://charitysmith.org/tony-laughlin-memorial-fund/ For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Vostal, Robert S.

Robert S. Vostal, 82, of Glen Ellyn passed away on April 26, 2023 in his sleep.

Robert was born on April 14, 1941 in Chicago. The son of Stanley Vostal and Marie (Daruska) Vostal grew up in Cicero where he would graduate from Morton High School and later attend Illinois State University. He spent almost 40 years working as high school teacher, coach and school administrator. Robert was most proud of working at Homewood-Flossmoor High School and later Austin High School.

Robert or Bob as he was known to many enjoyed sailing, running and sharing a good laugh. Anyone who knew Bob knew he had a great deep laugh you could hear from across any room.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife Christy Stigailo and parents Stanley and Marie Vostal of Cicero

Robert is survived by Brooks Vostal, Meg Vostal, Charlie Vostal all of Bowling Green, Ohio. Reed Vostal, Ruth Vostal, Hayden Vostal, Brennan Vostal and Lillian Vostal all of Geneva, Illinois.

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Walsh, Mary Beth

Mary Beth Walsh, age 64, at rest April 27, 2023. Beloved daughter of the late James and Florence Walsh. Loving sister of Raymond (Mary) Walsh, James (Linda) Walsh, Karen Walsh, Patricia (Ray) Howe, Michael (Sharon) Walsh, Laura (Jack) Owens, Kathleen Walsh, and the late John Walsh; Loving companion of the late William Maniatis; Beloved step-mother of Michael (Lauren) Maniatis and the late Nicole (Mike) Cooper; Dear grandmother of Olivia, Vivian, and Michael; Fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Mary Beth will also be missed by many dear friends. Memorial donations to American Lung Assoc. or St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated.

A private memorial service is being held for Mary Beth Walsh. Cremation rites were accorded, interment private. Arrangements by Hills Funeral Home, Ltd. 708-598-5880 or hillsfh.com

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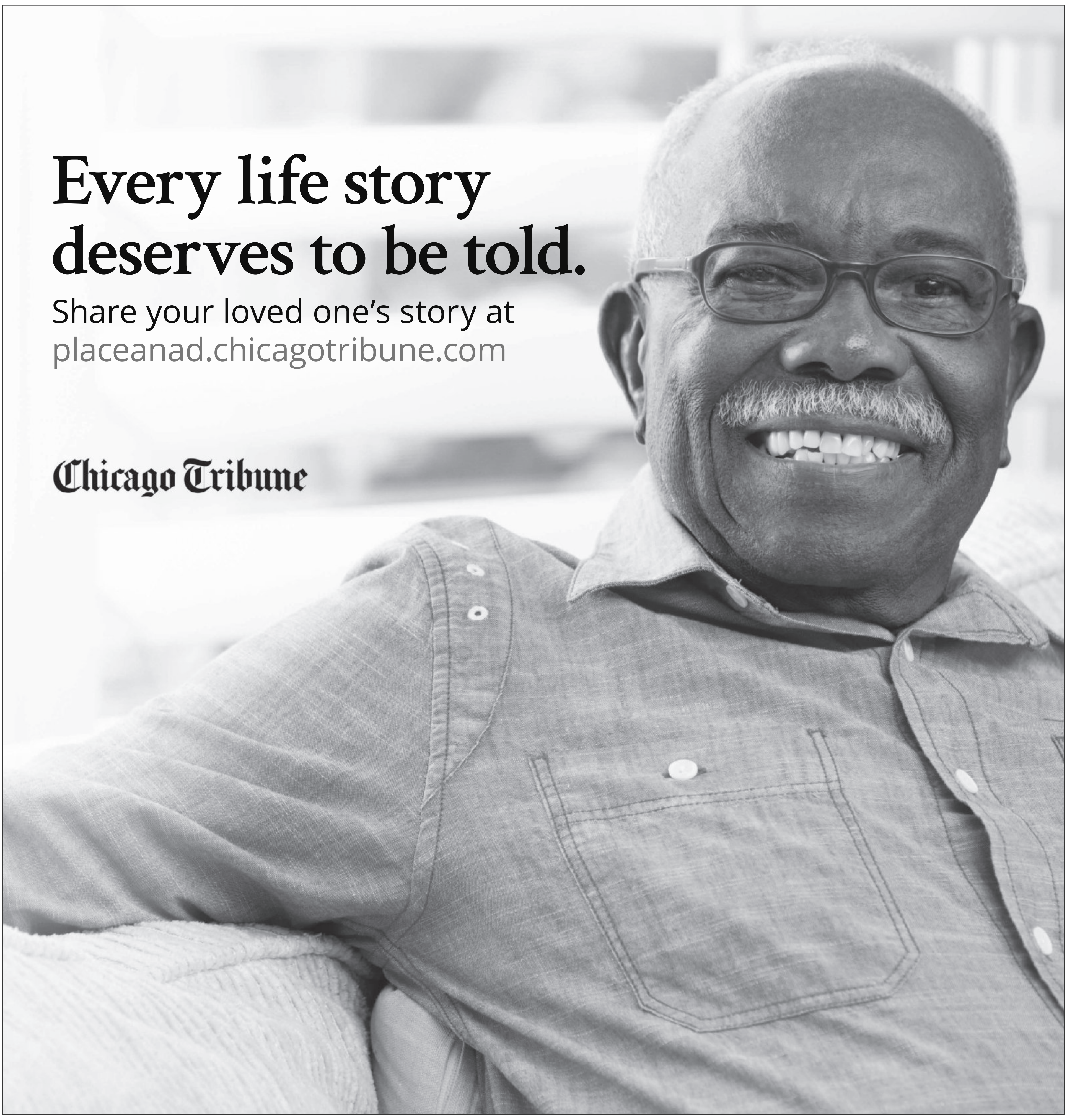
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ABC7 Outlook: Mainly cloudy with waves of showers. Chilly for this time of year with highs in the upper 40s and low 50s. Breezy with gusts up to 30 mph.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High	46	44	47	49	57	56
Low	38	41	40	42	46	46
	Mostly cloudy; a shower, breezy and cooler	Cloudy, windy and chilly with showers	Mostly cloudy, breezy and chilly	Sun followed by increasing clouds	Clouds and sun with a couple of showers	Considerable cloudiness
POP	55%	90%	25%	5%	85%	25%
Winds	WSW 10-20 mph	W 15-25 mph	NNW 10-20 mph	NNE 8-16 mph	SW 7-14 mph	NE 8-16 mph

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Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	1	2	2	1	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	35	38	38	35	36	34	34

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing Index	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

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Saturday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	59
Low	43
Normal high	64
Normal low	45
Record high	88 (1970)
Record low	31 (2018)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Saturday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	57	36	66	42
Gary	60	46	65	45
Kankakee	61	36	66	44
Lansing	63	36	65	44
Midway	58	42	65	46
Romeoville	58	41	66	44
Valparaiso	66	37	67	44
Waukegan	56	36	61	41

Saturday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Saturday*	0.17”	0.04”	0.15”
Month to date	1.90”	3.77”	3.60”
Year to date	12.13”	10.92”	10.01”

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading

Moderate

Sunday's forecast

Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

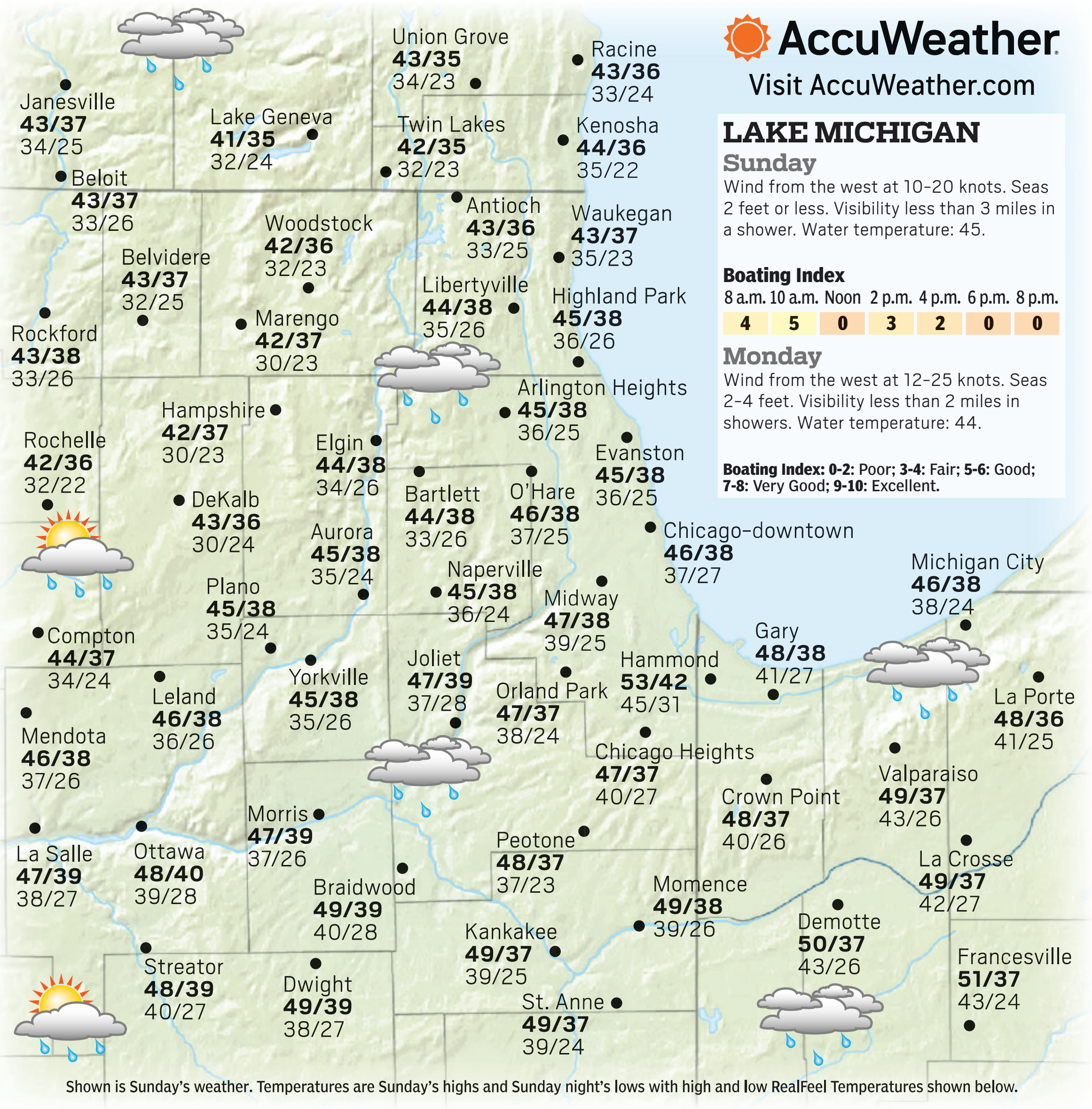
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	5:49 a.m.	5:47 a.m.
Sunset	7:48 p.m.	7:49 p.m.
Moonrise	2:40 p.m.	3:43 p.m.
Moonset	3:48 a.m.	4:08 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 27

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:49 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Venus	7:57 a.m.	11:29 p.m.
Mars	10:02 a.m.	1:16 a.m.
Jupiter	5:20 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Saturn	3:25 a.m.	2:12 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:20 p.m. Mars: 8:20 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:20 a.m. Mercury: not visible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Sunday

Wind from the west at 10-20 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 3 miles in a shower. Water temperature: 45.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
4	5	0	3	2	0	0

Monday

Wind from the west at 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility less than 2 miles in showers. Water temperature: 44.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

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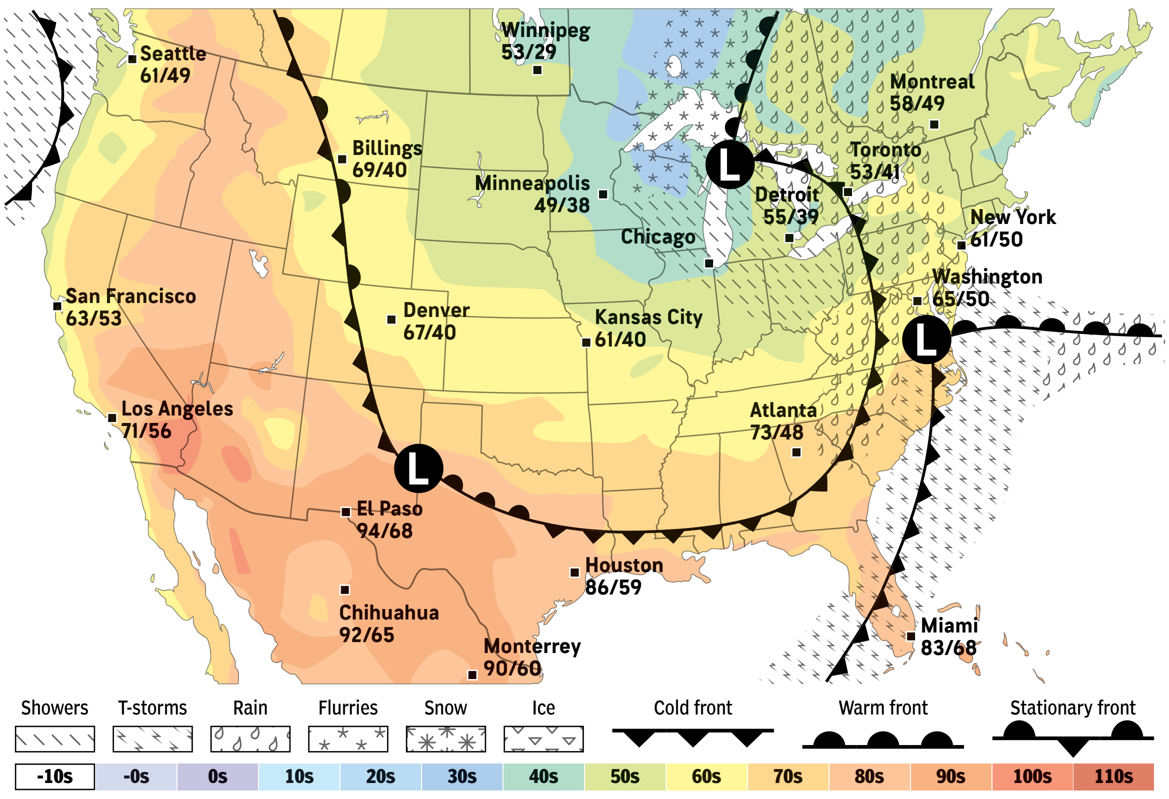
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	61/45/sh	63/45/pc
Champaign	51/40/pc	51/42/c
Decatur	52/42/c	54/45/c
Moline	48/42/pc	56/40/c
Peoria	51/41/c	54/41/c
Quincy	54/42/c	60/41/c
Rockford	43/38/sh	48/39/sh
Springfield	54/43/c	59/42/c
Sterling	45/38/sh	51/38/c
Indiana		
Bloomington	54/41/c	53/45/c
Evansville	59/46/sh	60/44/c
Fort Wayne	53/37/pc	42/38/c
Indianapolis	52/38/c	49/41/c
Lafayette	54/40/c	50/43/c
South Bend	49/37/c	40/38/sh
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	45/35/c	42/36/sn
Kenosha	44/36/c	45/38/sh
La Crosse	44/39/sh	47/41/r
Madison	41/35/sn	45/37/sh
Milwaukee	44/36/c	43/37/sh
Wausau	39/35/sn	41/34/r
Michigan		
Detroit	55/39/sh	44/37/sh
Grand Rapids	46/35/sh	40/36/sh
Marquette	37/31/sn	33/30/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	49/39/r	43/35/c
Traverse City	48/36/sh	41/36/sn
Iowa		
Ames	53/38/pc	60/38/c
Cedar Rapids	47/38/pc	54/39/c
Des Moines	54/39/pc	60/39/c
Dubuque	43/37/pc	50/38/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	91/53/s	80/59/s
Albany, NY	59/49/r	60/43/sh
Albuquerque	85/54/s	81/58/pc
Amarillo	74/43/s	73/48/pc
Anchorage	50/36/c	48/34/sh
Asheville	66/42/r	59/43/pc
Aspen	63/36/pc	68/41/s
Atlanta	73/48/t	67/48/pc
Atlantic City	62/54/r	62/52/pc
Austin	88/53/s	83/62/s
Baltimore	65/48/r	64/48/pc
Billings	69/40/s	71/42/s
Birmingham	71/46/c	68/47/s
Bismarck	57/27/s	60/30/s
Boise	88/54/s	82/53/pc
Boston	55/54/r	67/48/pc
Brownsville	90/66/s	87/72/pc
Buffalo	59/41/r	49/38/sh
Burlington, VT	57/50/c	63/45/sh
Charleston, SC	79/54/t	75/51/s
Charleston, WV	63/43/r	50/45/pc
Charlotte	71/47/r	67/46/pc
Chattanooga	69/45/c	65/47/pc
Cheyenne	62/36/pc	63/39/pc
Cincinnati	57/41/sh	51/44/c
Cleveland	53/39/r	45/38/sh
Colorado Spgs	65/38/s	69/45/pc
Columbia, MO	59/43/pc	63/42/pc
Columbia, SC	75/50/t	71/49/s
Columbus, OH	57/40/sh	44/39/pc
Concord	53/50/r	69/40/r
Corpus Christi	87/66/s	85/69/pc
Dallas	81/55/s	77/56/pc
Daytona Beach	83/61/t	82/61/s
Denver	67/40/pc	70/42/pc
Duluth	41/33/sn	45/32/c
El Paso	94/68/s	88/65/c
Fairbanks	48/29/pc	55/25/pc
Fargo	54/31/pc	55/31/pc
Flagstaff	76/40/s	67/33/pc
Fort Myers	82/68/t	86/67/s
Fort Smith	70/43/s	71/45/pc
Fresno	85/50/pc	70/50/pc
Grand Junction	80/52/pc	82/54/pc
Great Falls	74/41/s	74/42/s
Harrisburg	59/46/r	59/46/pc
Hartford	60/54/r	64/44/sh
Helena, MT	79/46/pc	78/44/s
Honolulu	85/74/pc	85/74/pc
Houston	86/59/s	85/63/s
Int'l Falls	48/29/sn	52/28/c
Jackson, MS	75/52/c	72/51/pc
Jacksonville	80/57/t	81/57/s
Juneau	52/44/r	52/42/pc
Kansas City	61/40/s	64/40/s
Las Vegas	97/70/s	89/57/s
Lexington	58/41/sh	54/44/c
Lincoln	61/37/s	63/35/s
Little Rock	71/44/pc	71/46/pc
Los Angeles	71/56/pc	66/51/pc
Louisville	61/46/sh	56/46/c
Macon	78/46/c	73/46/s
Memphis	67/47/pc	67/47/pc
Miami	83/68/t	87/68/pc
Minneapolis	49/38/c	52/36/c
Mobile	79/53/c	81/52/s
Montgomery	76/49/c	74/47/s
Nashville	64/45/c	66/47/pc
New Orleans	81/61/c	82/61/s
New York City	61/50/r	61/49/pc
Norfolk	73/55/t	69/53/pc
Oklahoma City	70/43/s	69/48/pc
Omaha	58/39/pc	62/38/s
Orlando	83/62/t	84/63/s
Palm Beach	85/66/t	85/66/pc
Palm Springs	101/65/pc	85/55/s
Philadelphia	64/50/r	61/47/pc
Phoenix	102/74/s	95/68/pc
Pittsburgh	56/40/r	45/37/sh
Portland, ME	49/46/r	63/43/r
Portland, OR	62/49/c	62/48/c
Providence	59/55/r	63/47/sh
Raleigh	71/49/t	67/46/pc
Rapid City	56/29/s	59/29/s
Reno	77/48/pc	65/41/pc
Richmond	69/49/r	65/48/pc
Rochester	58/42/r	52/39/sh
Sacramento	75/46/pc	64/48/c
St. Louis	59/47/pc	62/45/c
Salem, OR	62/47/c	62/48/c
Salt Lake City	84/60/s	85/58/pc
San Antonio	88/58/s	86/63/s
San Diego	65/59/pc	63/58/sh
San Francisco	63/53/pc	61/51/sh
San Juan	88/75/pc	90/75/pc
Santa Fe	79/46/s	74/50/pc
Savannah	79/53/t	76/52/s
Seattle	61/49/c	58/49/c
Shreveport	81/53/pc	78/51/pc
Sioux Falls	55/35/pc	59/34/pc
Spokane	81/49/pc	68/50/t
Syracuse	60/46/r	57/43/sh
Tallahassee	80/52/c	81/55/s
Tampa	79/70/t	82/71/s
Topeka	63/38/s	65/37/s
Tucson	99/68/s	91/64/pc
Tulsa	70/42/s	70/45/pc
Washington, DC	65/50/r	64/50/pc
Wichita	65/37/s	66/41/pc
Wilkes-Barre	62/44/r	58/41/sh
Yuma	101/68/pc	92/58/s

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WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/69/s	88/70/s
Algiers	77/60/pc	77/52/pc
Amsterdam	63/45/c	61/44/pc
Ankara	51/30/c	60/33/s
Athens	67/55/pc	68/55/pc
Auckland	68/64/r	72/63/r
Baghdad	87/59/pc	84/59/pc
Bangkok	93/80/t	96/81/t
Barbados	89/78/pc	89/78/s
Barcelona	70/59/pc	67/56/pc
Beijing	76/48/s	79/58/pc
Beirut	68/58/pc	71/57/pc
Berlin	58/37/s	65/48/pc
Bermuda	76/71/pc	77/71/pc
Bogota	66/49/t	69/47/pc
Brussels	64/48/c	62/46/pc
Bucharest	69/44/pc	70/43/pc
Budapest	67/43/t	70/50/c
Bueno Aires	76/53/r	67/51/s
Cairo	76/59/s	81/61/s
Cancun	86/65/t	86/73/pc
Caracas	88/75/t	89/75/s
Casablanca	81/56/pc	84/57/pc
Copenhagen	53/41/pc	55/44/sh
Dublin	62/47/sh	60/43/c
Edmonton	71/45/c	77/48/pc
Frankfurt	66/45/c	64/47/pc
Geneva	62/52/r	61/47/r
Guadalajara	90/53/pc	89/53/s
Havana	84/66/t	86/66/pc
Helsinki	45/31/sh	54/40/pc
Hong Kong	80/72/pc	79/72/pc
Istanbul	62/50/s	66/49/s
Jerusalem	63/47/pc	69/50/s
Johannesburg	77/52/s	69/56/pc
Kabul	74/52/s	72/51/t
Kingston	90/79/pc	90/79/pc
Kyiv	58/44/pc	60/39/pc
Lima	79/70/s	78/69/pc
Lisbon	77/57/pc	81/58/pc
London	64/49/c	66/46/pc
Madrid	78/50/pc	82/47/pc
Manila	95/81/t	96/82/s
Mexico City	82/54/s	84/55/s
Monterrey	90/60/s	93/63/pc
Montreal	58/49/c	58/41/r
Moscow	56/42/c	52/36/r
Munich	61/42/c	57/47/sh
Nairobi	73/60/t	73/59/t
Nassau	90/75/s	83/68/pc
New Delhi	86/69/t	79/67/t
Oslo	54/35/pc	42/32/r
Ottawa	54/46/c	56/40/r
Panama City	86/74/t	89/74/t
Paris	64/50/c	64/47/pc
Prague	58/36/c	65/47/c
Rio de Janeiro	79/70/t	80/71/t
Riyadh	100/72/s	97/68/s
Rome	69/58/sh	66/57/t
Santiago	59/41/c	63/39/s
Seoul	64/42/pc	68/44/s
Singapore	89/78/r	88/79/t
Sofia	64/43/pc	66/47/t
Stockholm	49/30/pc	45/36/pc
Sydney	67/52/t	70/54/sh
Taipei	71/62/t	77/68/c
Tehran	84/64/c	80/58/t
Tokyo	74/60/r	70/55/pc
Toronto	53/41/r	47/38/sh
Trinidad	88/77/pc	88/77/s
Vancouver	59/50/c	59/47/c
Vienna	63/39/pc	66/48/c
Warsaw	58/35/s	62/44/pc
Winnipeg	53/29/c	54/29/s

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NATION & WORLD

US bus convoy reaches Sudan port

First evacuation of citizens underway amid lull in fighting

By Zeke Miller, Colleen Long, Matthew Lee and Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

Residents walk among scattered debris Saturday in El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur, as fighting rages in Sudan. **GETTY-AFP**

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of Americans fleeing two weeks of deadly fighting in Sudan reached the east African nation's port Saturday in the first U.S.-run evacuation, completing a dangerous land journey under escort of armed drones.

American unmanned aircraft, which have been keeping an eye on overland evacuation routes for days, provided armed overwatch for a bus convoy carrying 200 to 300 Americans over 500 miles to Port Sudan, a place of relative safety, U.S. officials said.

The U.S., which had none of its officials on the ground for the evacuation, has been criticized by families of trapped Americans in Sudan for initially ruling out any U.S.-run evacuation for those among an estimated 16,000 Americans in Sudan who wish to leave.

U.S. special operations troops briefly flew to the capital, Khartoum, on April 22 to airlift out American staffers at the embassy and other American government personnel. More than a dozen other nations have already been carrying out evacuations for their citizens, using a mix of military planes, navy vessels and on-the-ground personnel.

A wide-ranging group of international mediators — including African and Arab nations, the United Nations and the United States — has only managed to achieve a series of fragile temporary cease-fires that failed to stop clashes but created enough of a lull for tens of thousands of Sudanese to flee to safer areas and for foreign nations to evacuate thousands of their citizens by land, air and sea.

Since the conflict between two rival generals broke out April 15, the U.S. has warned its citizens that they needed to find their own way out of the country, though U.S. officials have tried to link up Americans with other nations' evacuation efforts. But that changed as U.S. officials exploited a relative lull in the fighting and, from afar, organized their own convoy for Americans, officials said.

Without the evacuation flights near the capital that other countries have been offering their citizens, many U.S. citizens have been left to make the dangerous overland journey from Khartoum to the country's main Red Sea port, Port Sudan.

One Sudanese American family that made the trip earlier described passing through numerous checkpoints manned by armed men and passing bodies lying in the street and vehicles of other fleeing families who had been killed along the way.

State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said the convoy carried U.S. citizens, local people employed by the U.S. and citizens of allied countries. "We reiterate our warning to Americans not to travel to Sudan," he said.

From Port Sudan, away from the fighting, the Americans in the convoy can seek spots on vessels crossing the Red Sea to the Saudi port city of Jeddah. U.S. officials also are working with Saudi Arabia to see if one of the kingdom's naval vessels can carry a larger number of Americans to Jeddah.

U.S. consular officials will be waiting for the Americans once they reach the dock in Jeddah, but there are no U.S. personnel in Port Sudan, officials said.

The U.S. closed its embassy April 22 after airlifting out all its diplomats and military personnel. It left behind several thousand U.S. citizens still in Sudan, many of them dual nationals.

The Biden administration had warned it had no plans to join other countries in organizing evacuation for ordinary U.S. citizens who wanted out, calling it too dangerous. There were no known U.S. government personnel on the ground in Sudan assisting the convoy.

Two Americans are confirmed killed in the fighting that erupted this month. One was a U.S. civilian whom officials said was caught in crossfire. The other was an Iowa City, Iowa, doctor, who was stabbed to death in front of his house and family in Khartoum, in the lawless violence that has accompanied the fighting.

In all, the fighting in the east African country has killed more than 500 people.

Airlifts from the country amid the chaotic fighting have posed challenges, with a Turkish evacuation plane hit by gunfire Friday outside Khartoum.

On Saturday — despite a cease-fire extended under heavy international pressure early Friday — clashes continued around the presidential palace, headquarters of the state broadcaster and a military base in Khartoum, residents said. The battles sent thick columns of black smoke billowing over the city skyline.

But in other areas, residents reported signs that the cease-fire had taken hold.

"We are not hearing the bombs as we did before, so we're hoping that this means they will go back to a political process," said Osman Mirgany, a columnist and editor of the daily al-Tayar, who assessed it was safe enough Friday to return home to Khartoum after seeking refuge in a far-flung village.

The Sudanese military, with its monopoly on air power, has appeared to have the upper hand in the fighting against its opponent, the powerful paramilitary group known as the Rapid Support Forces, but it has been impossible to confirm the military's claims of advances.

Sheriff: Texas man kills 5 after gunfire complaint

Suspect feared still armed after attack north of Houston

By Juan A. Lozano and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

Authorities respond to the scene Saturday near the town of Cleveland, which is about 45 miles north of Houston. The shooting happened just before midnight Friday. **GO NAKAMURA/GETTY**

CLEVELAND, Texas — A Texas man went next door with a rifle and fatally shot five of his neighbors, including an 8-year-old boy, after they asked him to stop firing rounds in his yard because they were trying to sleep, authorities said Saturday.

The suspect, identified as Francisco Oropeza, 38, remained at large more than 18 hours after the shooting and authorities warned that he might still be armed. The attack happened just before midnight Friday near the town of Cleveland, north of Houston, on a street where some residents say it is not uncommon to hear neighbors unwind by firing off guns.

San Jacinto County Sheriff Greg Capers said Oropeza used an AR-style rifle, and as the search for him dragged into Saturday night, authorities had widened their efforts to as much as "10 to 20 miles" from the murder scene.

Capers said Oropeza may still have a weapon but that he believes authorities have the rifle used in the shooting.

Capers said they found clothes and a phone while combing a rural area that includes dense layers of forest but that tracking dogs had lost the scent.

"He could be anywhere now," Capers said.

Capers said the victims were between the ages of 8 and 31 years old and that all were believed to be from Honduras. All were shot "from the neck up," he said.

The attack was the latest act of gun violence in what has been a record pace of mass shootings in the country this year, some of which have also involved semiautomatic rifles.

The mass killings have played out in a variety of places — a Tennessee school, a Kentucky bank, a Southern California dance hall and now a rural Texas neighborhood inside a single-story home.

Capers said there were 10 people in the house — some of whom has just moved there earlier in the week — but that no one else was injured. He said two of the victims were found in a bedroom laying over two children in an apparent attempt to shield them.

FBI spokesperson Christina Garza said investigators do not believe everyone at the home were members of a single family.

The victims were identified as Julisa Molina Rivera, 31; Sonia Argentina Guzman, 25; Diana Velazquez Alvarado, 21; Jose Jonathan Casarez, 18; and Daniel Enrique Laso, 8.

The confrontation followed the neighbors walking up to the fence and asking the suspect to stop shooting rounds, Capers said.

The suspect responded by telling them that it was his property, Capers said, and one person in the house got a video of the suspect walking up to the front door with the rifle.

The shooting took place on a rural, pothole-riddled street where single-story homes sit on wide 1-acre lots and are surrounded by a thick canopy of trees. A horse could be seen behind the victim's home, while in the front yard of Oropeza's house a dog and chickens wandered around.

Rene Arevalo Sr., who lives a few houses down, said he heard gunshots around midnight but didn't think anything of it.

"It's a normal thing people do around here, especially on Fridays after work," Arevalo said. "They get home and start drinking in their backyards and shooting out there."

Capers said his deputies had been to Oropeza's home at least once before and spoken with him about "shooting his gun in the yard."

It was not clear whether any action was taken at the time.

Capers said the new arrivals in the home had moved from Houston earlier in the week, but he said he did not know whether they were planning to stay there.

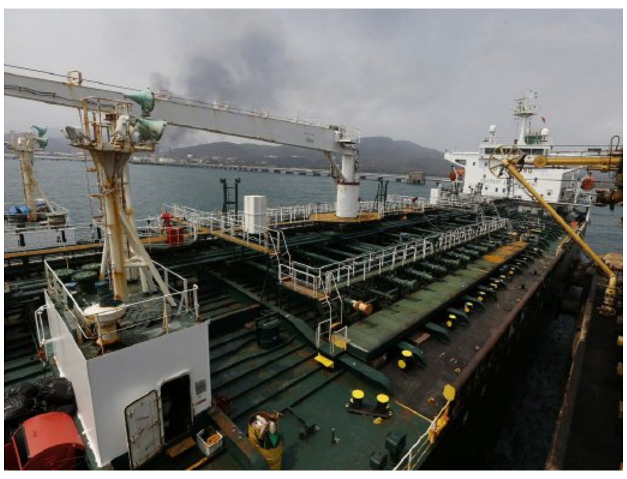
Across the U.S. since Jan. 1, there have been at least 18 shootings that left four or more people dead, according to a database maintained by Associated Press and USA Today, in partnership with Northeastern University.

Texas has confronted multiple mass shootings in recent years, including last year's attack at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde; a racist attack at an El Paso Walmart in 2019; and a gunman opening fire at a church in the tiny town of Sutherland Springs in 2017.

Republican leaders in Texas have rejected calls for new firearm restrictions.

A few months ago, Arevalo said Oropeza threatened to kill his dog after it got loose in the neighborhood.

"I tell my wife all the time, 'Stay away from the neighbors. Don't argue with them. You never know how they're going to react,'" Arevalo said. "I tell her that because Texas is a state where you don't know who has a gun and who is going to react that way."



Iranian oil tanker Fortune sits docked at the El Palito refinery near Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. **ERNESTO VARGAS/AP 2020**

Senators call on Biden to get tough on Iran oil

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A dozen senators are making a bipartisan appeal to President Joe Biden to reinvigorate the power of U.S. authorities to seize Iranian oil assets under an enforcement program they say has been allowed to languish.

Despite existing sanctions, Iranian oil exports jumped 35% last year and proceeds are being used to sponsor attacks on U.S. citizens and service members as well as allies, the senators said in a letter to Biden.

Brinkmanship at sea was on display Thursday when masked Iranian navy commandos seized a U.S.-bound oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman, one of several vessels it has taken as bargaining chips in negotiations with the West. Without providing evidence, Tehran said the tanker had run into an Iranian vessel.

The senators, led by Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Joni Ernst, R-Iowa — both from the Armed Services Committee — complain that the Homeland Security Department's security investigations office has been constrained in seizure operations by lack of money.

Since the enforcement program started in 2019, the office has seized nearly $228 million in Iranian crude and fuel oil linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, designated as a terrorist organization by the United States, the senators said in the letter sent this past week.

But the senators said the office has not recently been given money that is available under the Treasury Forfeiture Fund to conduct seizures of Iranian oil.

The push is coming from a diverse group of senators, among them Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

NEWS BRIEFING

Judge in La. Catholic Chapter 11 recuses self after donations report

From news services

A federal judge overseeing the New Orleans Roman Catholic bankruptcy recused himself in a reversal that came a week after an Associated Press report showed he donated tens of thousands of dollars to the archdiocese and consistently ruled in favor of the church in the case involving nearly 500 clergy sex abuse victims.

U.S. District Judge Greg Guidry initially announced hours after the AP report that he would stay on the case, citing the opinion of fellow federal judges that no "reasonable person" could question his impartiality. But amid mounting pressure and persistent questions, he changed course late Friday in a terse, one-page filing.

"I have decided to recuse myself from this matter in order to avoid any possible appearance of personal bias or prejudice," Guidry wrote.

The 62-year-old jurist has overseen the 3-year-old bankruptcy in an appellate role, and his recusal is likely to throw the case into disarray and trigger new hearings and appeals of every consequential ruling he's made.

But legal experts say it was the only action to take under the circumstances, citing federal law that calls on judges to step aside in any proceeding in which their "impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Guidry's recusal underscores how tightly woven the church is in the city's power structure, a coziness perhaps best exemplified when executives of the NFL's New Orleans Saints secretly advised the archdiocese on public relations messaging at the height of its clergy abuse crisis.

AP's review of campaign-finance records showed that Guidry, since being nominated to the federal bench in 2019 by then-President Donald Trump, gave nearly $50,000 to local Catholic charities from leftover political contributions from his decade serving as a Louisiana Supreme Court justice. Most of that giving, $36,000, came in the months after the archdiocese sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in May 2020 amid a crush of sexual abuse lawsuits.

Guidry also served on the board of Catholic Charities, the archdiocese's charitable arm, between 2000 and 2008, as the archdiocese was navigating an earlier wave of sex abuse lawsuits.

In the bankruptcy, Guidry frequently issued key rulings that benefited the archdiocese.

US-Taiwan relations: Former U.S. national security adviser John Bolton called for deeper interaction between his country and Taiwan during a visit Saturday to the self-ruled island, which has seen increasing military threats from China.

Bolton, a potential Republican presidential candidate in 2024, said at a pro-Taiwan independence event in Taipei that national security teams from both sides must develop contingency plans on how to respond to actions Beijing might take, warning it would be too late once an attack occurs.

"And we have to tell China and Russia what the consequences are if they take actions against Taiwan. Not just in the immediate response, but over the longer term, to basically excommunicate China from the international economic system if it did take military actions against Taiwan or attempt to throw a blockade around it," he said.

Bolton's visit reflects the importance of the island's democracy as an issue in the U.S. presidential election next year amid heightened tensions between Washington and Beijing.

For Freya: Walrus expert Rune Aae, left, and sculpture campaign organizer Erik Holm unveil a life-size bronze tribute Saturday in Oslo, Norway, in memory of Freya the walrus. The animal drew crowds in summer 2022 when she showed up in the city's marina, chasing ducks and sunbathing, until officials euthanized her, deeming her a danger to the public. **ANNIKA BYRDE/GETTY-AFP**

Mississippi River cresting: The surging Mississippi River was cresting in Iowa on Saturday as melting snow from Minnesota and Wisconsin continues to push up river levels, the National Weather Service said.

The weather service said the river was cresting between 23 and 24.3 feet in Dubuque, a city on the Mississippi about 200 miles east of Des Moines. The river was expected to crest at 21.9 feet in Bellevue, Iowa, on Saturday night.

The river is not expected to see many record crests this week, but the weather service said Saturday's levels would come close to 1993 and 2001 records between 23.9 and 25.4 feet as the river moves down its 2,300-mile length before reaching the Gulf of Mexico.

Dubuque has closed its floodgates for only the third time ever in response to flooding. Some roads and parks near the river are closed.

Despite flooding in Wisconsin last week, the weather service said states farther south could be spared major flooding damage because tributaries are running lower than usual, providing paths for runoff from the Mississippi.

Poland takes Russia school: Acting on a Polish court verdict, Warsaw authorities Saturday took over a school building that was serving children of Russian diplomats and the military, drawing anger from Moscow.

Poland's Foreign Ministry said it had asked Warsaw authorities to claim the property which, Poland says, should have been returned by Russia years ago.

"The bailiff's execution is ... in total agreement with the Foreign Ministry and based on a court order that gave the Polish state full ownership rights to the building which the Russian Embassy has had in its possession illegally for many years," Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman Lukasz Jasina said.

Police and a court official came to the building, which is far removed from the Russian Embassy and isn't part of diplomatic premises. They gave the Russian side until Saturday evening to hand the building over, which took place. However, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Polish authorities "invaded" the school, saying it is located at the Russian Embassy.

Ga. medical pot stores open: Georgia's first medical marijuana dispensaries opened Friday, solving a yearslong bureaucratic puzzle where it was legal to treat medical conditions with cannabis products, but not legal to buy them.

Trulieve Cannabis Corp. opened dispensaries Friday in Macon and Marietta.

Medical marijuana will be sold in the form of cannabis oil packaged as liquid tinctures, topical creams or capsules. Smokable products aren't allowed. Recreational usage of marijuana remains illegal in Georgia.

It has been legal for people in Georgia to use low-THC cannabis oil to treat a variety of diseases since 2015, but a rollout of legal sales has been delayed for years by regulatory challenges.

Turkey to go to ISS: Turkey's first astronaut will travel to the International Space Station by the end of the year, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday in his first public appearance since falling ill Tuesday during a TV interview.

Air force pilot Alper Gezeravci, 43, was selected to be the first Turkish citizen in space.

The Turkish Space Agency website describes Gezeravci as a 21-year air force veteran and F-16 pilot who attended the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology.

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Drones blamed in Crimea fuel fire

Ukrainian official: 'God's punishment' after Russian strike

By Marc Santora and Victoria Kim
The New York Times

Firefighters watch smoke from a drone attack on a fuel depot Saturday in Sevastopol in Crimea. **GOVERNMENT OF SEVASTOPOL**

KYIV, Ukraine — A drone attack on a fuel depot in the city of Sevastopol in Russian-occupied Crimea set off an enormous fire early Saturday, a Russian official said, in the latest assault on a peninsula key to Moscow's war effort.

A thick cloud of black smoke darkened the skies above the port city, which is home to the Russian Navy's Black Sea Fleet.

The Crimean Peninsula, which was illegally annexed by Russia in 2014 and has been heavily fortified in the years since, is critically important to Moscow's control over occupied territories in southern and eastern Ukraine. It has increasingly become a target of attacks, although Ukraine typically maintains a policy of strategic ambiguity about strikes there.

The Kremlin-appointed local governor, Mikhail Razvozhaev, urged local residents to remain calm as teams of firefighters battled a blaze that he said was caused by "enemy drones." Ukrainian officials did not claim responsibility for Saturday's blaze.

"The main thing is that no one was hurt," Razvozhaev told reporters at a news conference. "With the rest — we'll figure it out."

Crimea was a key staging ground when President Vladimir Putin ordered the full-scale invasion of Ukraine more than a year ago. The Russian leader visited Sevastopol last month to mark the ninth anniversary of Russia's annexation, a defiant gesture just one day after an international court issued a warrant for his arrest.

As Ukrainian officials say the country is in the final stages of preparation for a counteroffensive to take back territory seized by Russian forces, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has maintained that Kyiv needs to reclaim control of Crimea in order to prevent future aggression by Moscow.

He reiterated that position in an interview published Saturday by the Finnish channel Yle, saying that the more weapons the West can provide to Ukraine, the faster the war will end.

"We want to save as many lives as possible, so the number of weapons matters," he said.

Part of Ukraine's argument in asking for longer-range missiles has been that it wants to be able to strike deeper behind Russian lines, including in Crimea. The Biden administration so far has held a hard line against doing so, fearing it could provoke the Kremlin.

It is often unclear how Ukrainian forces are able to hit Russian targets in Crimea, but the attacks have become increasingly bold.

In August, explosions rocked a Russian air base in Saki. Ukraine claimed credit for the attack two months later, when Kyiv's top commander, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, wrote that the military had targeted a number of Crimean military sites, including the air base, to undermine Russia's military abilities and stoke worries in Moscow about the security of areas it considered to be out of reach of Ukrainian weapons.

In October, an explosion severely damaged the only bridge linking Crimea to Russia, a deep embarrassment for the Kremlin. Since then, Ukraine is believed to have been behind several high-profile attacks on Russian ships anchored at the port in Sevastopol.

As Ukrainian forces set the stage for the long-expected counteroffensive, assaults on the peninsula, including attacks on rail links and other vital infrastructure, have increased.

At the same time, Russian forces have been building up defensive positions across the heavily militarized peninsula. Satellite photographs from private firms in recent weeks reveal a growing network of trenches and other fortifications.

On Saturday, a spokesperson for Ukraine's military intelligence service said the fire at the fuel depot in Sevastopol was "God's punishment" for Uman, the city where a Russian missile strike a day earlier killed 23 people, including five children.

"This punishment will be long-lasting," spokesperson Andriy Yusov said. "All residents of the temporarily occupied Crimea should not be near military facilities and facilities that supply the aggressor's army in the near future."

He claimed that more than 10 tanks with oil products with a total capacity of 40,000 tons were destroyed in Saturday's blaze. However, local Russian authorities said that the damage was less extensive and that the fire had been extinguished as of the afternoon. While Razvozhaev initially said that two drones had hit the fuel depot, he later clarified to say that a second drone had been shot down before it reached the target.

While Ukrainian officials cheer the attacks on Crimea, the military typically does not take credit in order to maintain operational secrecy.

Kyiv does not want Moscow to know what long-range weapons it has at its disposal, even as it engages in ambitious fundraising campaigns to expand its fleet of long-range aerial and maritime drones, officials say.

On Saturday morning, the billowing smoke from the fire at the oil depot on Kazachya Bay could be seen for miles.

It was burning an area of about 10,000 square feet, Razvozhaev said, adding that there would be no evacuation of the local area and fuel supplies for drivers would not be affected.

Christale Spain, who on Saturday was elected chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party, called the win "a historic moment for our party, for women." **JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE STATE**

SC Democrats elect 1st Black woman to head up state party

By Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Christale Spain, a longtime party operative, was elected Saturday as chair of South Carolina's Democratic Party, becoming the first Black woman to lead the organization in what will be the Democrats' leadoff presidential voting state in 2024.

Spain was elected during the party's convention Saturday in Columbia. She takes over in a wave of changes across state Democratic parties for 2024. With her election, and thanks to the party's recent revamp of its primary schedule, four of the five states in which Democrats will vote first next year — Georgia, Michigan, Nevada and South Carolina — now have Black women chairing their state parties.

Putting states with more diversity at the top of the voting calendar was a priority for President Joe Biden, who recently moved on his own reelection bid and pushed to move South Carolina — a state where he won big in 2020 — to the top of the nominating calendar.

Calling her victory "a historic moment for our party, for women," Spain pledged to implement "year-round voter engagement" and mobilization efforts, in hopes of garnering more statewide wins for the party, as the nation's attention hones in on South Carolina for the 2024 cycle.

"I now know from all the experience, all of the volunteering, all of the jobs that I've held, the importance of this role, who is setting the stage, who is implementing the strategy, so that we can win," Spain told reporters after.

Black women are major drivers of the Democratic electorate, particularly in South Carolina. Spain takes over from Trav Robertson, who has led the party since 2017 and announced earlier this year he wouldn't seek another term.

Spain had backing from a slew of party leaders, including Rep. Jim Clyburn, for whom Spain previously worked doing constituency service and outreach in his district office. She was also endorsed by former party leaders such as Robertson and Jaime Harrison, who preceded Robertson as state chair and currently leads the Democratic National Committee.

Harrison said Spain "has the experience, judgment and strategic vision to get South Carolina Democrats back on the winning track, and I know she will be an excellent chair."

Spain held off efforts by two other candidates, both of whom withdrew after early voting showed massive support for Spain.

Brandon Upson, a progressive Democrat who chairs the state party's Black Caucus and advised Tom Steyer's 2020 presidential campaign in South Carolina, said he was pulling out "for the sake of unity" in the party, as it prepares for 2024. Catherine Fleming Bruce, an author who unsuccessfully sought Democrats' 2022 nomination against Republican Sen. Tim Scott, also launched a bid.

Spain, 46, has years of experience in South Carolina's political spheres, working as political director for Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign and serving as Sen. Cory Booker's state director for his 2020 White House bid.

Pope thanks Hungarians for welcoming Ukraine refugees

By Nicole Winfield and Justin Spike
Associated Press

Pope Francis, 86, greets a child Saturday as he arrives for a meeting with young people at a sports arena in Budapest, the Hungarian capital. **ATTILA KISBENEDEK/GETTY-AFP**

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Pope Francis plunged into both sides of Russia's war with Ukraine on Saturday, greeting some of the 2.5 million Ukrainian refugees who have fled across the border to Hungary during a public prayer service and then meeting privately with an envoy of the Russian Orthodox Church that has supported the war.

Francis maintained the Vatican's tradition of diplomatic neutrality during his second day in Budapest, where he's on a weekend visit to minister to Hungary's Catholic faithful.

Starting the day, he thanked Hungarians for welcoming Ukrainian refugees and urged them to help anyone in need. He called for a culture of charity in a country where the prime minister has justified firm anti-immigration policies with fears that migration threatens Europe's Christian culture.

Speaking in St. Elizabeth's church, named for a princess who renounced her wealth to care for the poor, Francis recalled that the Gospel instructs Christians to show love and compassion to all, especially those experiencing poverty and "even those who are not believers."

Hungary's nationalist government has implemented anti-immigration policies and refused to accept many asylum-seekers trying to enter the country through its southern border, leading to prolonged legal disputes with the European Union.

The conservative populist prime minister, Viktor Orban, has said that migration threatens to replace Europe's Christian culture. Orban, who has held office since 2010, has hinged multiple election campaigns on the threats he alleges that migrants and refugees pose to Hungarians.

While Orban's government has consistently rejected asylum-seekers from the Middle East and Africa, around 2.5 million Ukrainians fleeing war in their country found open doors. Around 35,000 of the refugees remain in Hungary and have registered for temporary protection there, according to the U.N.

One who has chosen to stay was Olesia Misiats, a nurse who worked in a Kyiv COVID-19 hospital when she fled with her mother and two daughters Feb. 24, 2022 — the day Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

First she went to the Netherlands, but high costs compelled her to move to Hungary, where she said she has found an apartment and given birth to her third daughter, Mila, who was in the pews Saturday with her mother and sister.

"Here it's safe," Misiats said of her new life.

She said that she hopes to return to Kyiv one day, but for now she and her children are adapting.

"I want to go back home. There it's my life — it was my life," she said. "But the war changed my life."

Immediately after greeting and encouraging the refugees, Francis visited the Greek Catholic church next door, which has been providing aid to refugees. And then he met with the Russian Orthodox Church's representative in Hungary, Metropolitan Hilarion, who developed close relations with the Vatican during his years as the Russian church's foreign minister. The Vatican said the 20-minute meeting at the Holy See's embassy in Budapest was "cordial."

The Russian church's support for the Kremlin's war has rankled the Vatican and prevented a second papal meeting with Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church and an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Francis and Kirill had a 2016 encounter in Cuba that marked the first between a pope and the head of the Russian church. They had planned a second one in June, but the meeting has been postponed over Kirill's support for the war.

Francis wraps up his visit Sunday with a Mass and then a speech at Pazmany Peter Catholic University in Budapest.

Harris has prime portfolio for 2024

VP takes on mission to energize key parts of Democrats' base

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

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Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a rally kicking off President Joe Biden's reelection campaign Tuesday at Howard University. **NATHAN HOWARD/AP**

WASHINGTON — She swaggered, she jabbed, she inspired. She even joked.

Anyone looking for a glimpse of what Vice President Kamala Harris could bring to the campaign trail would have found it last week at Howard University, where she headlined a rally for reproductive rights. After two years of tightly scripted, uneven performances that often dismayed Democrats and cheered Republicans, Harris is looser, more forceful and more willing to speak off the cuff following her trip to Africa a month ago.

"That is the vice president that America is going to get a chance to get to know for the first time," said Laphonza Butler, a former adviser to Harris who leads EMILY's List.

Now Harris, the first woman and person of color in her position, will be put to the test as President Joe Biden seeks a second term. Although vice presidents are rarely decisive in reelection efforts, Harris is poised to be an exception. Not only is she leading the charge on Democrats' most potent issue, the battle over abortion rights, she's the running mate for the oldest president in history, increasing scrutiny on whether she's ready to step into the top job if necessary.

It's an issue that Nikki Haley, a former South Carolina governor who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, raised Wednesday in an interview with Fox News.

"If you vote for Joe Biden, you really are counting on a President Harris," Haley said. "Because the idea that he would make it until 86 years old" — the age Biden would be at the end of a second term — "is not something that I think is likely."

Harris' mission until Election Day will be energizing the voters that Democrats most need — specifically women, people of color and young folks — while sustaining what will likely be an unrelenting barrage of Republican attacks.

"Vice presidential candidates, if they're going to make a difference, they're going to make it at the margin," said Joel Goldstein, a historian of the vice presidency. "But if you look at our recent history, a lot of our presidential elections have been decided at the margins."

Harris' appearance at her alma mater Howard University on Tuesday night, the same day that Biden announced his reelection bid, was a first look of how she'll approach the campaign. Her focus on abortion echoed her message during the midterm elections, but was even more barbed than usual as she targeted "extremists" she accused of taking away people's rights.

"Don't get in our way because if you do, we're going to stand up, we're going to organize and we're going to speak up and we're going to say we're not having that, we're not playing that!" Harris said.

Addressing herself to "so-called leaders" who want to restrict abortion, Harris told them to "open your medicine cabinet in the privacy of your bathroom, in the privacy of your home. I wonder what's sitting up in there."

The crowd roared with laughter. "You don't want me getting in your business, do you?" she said.

Harris linked efforts to restrict abortion to Republican attempts to tighten rules for voting and limit what can be taught in schools.

"Understand what's at play," she said. "You can't sleep on this."

Cornell Belcher, a Democratic pollster, said Harris is "probably better positioned to connect with, in an authentic way, that critical emerging cohort of the American electorate that we are absolutely, positively dependent on to win a majority."

Not everyone has felt that way, and she has faced chatter from the sidelines over whether Biden should replace her as vice president. She consistently polls worse than Biden, whose own numbers are underwater.

In an AP-NORC poll conducted in January, 43% of U.S. adults had a favorable opinion of Biden, and 36% said the same about Harris. Among Democrats, Biden was at 78% and Harris was at 67%, while 10% said they didn't know enough about Harris to have an opinion.

However, Harris featured prominently in Biden's announcement video — walking alongside the president, embracing first lady Jill Biden, taking a selfie with a supporter and more.

Biden's campaign website is topped by the names "Biden Harris," and a pop-up fundraising solicitation includes a picture of the two leaders smiling together. Biden's Twitter account shared the same photo Tuesday night, adding the caption "in this together."

"I was really put off by all the prognostication about whether she was a drag on the ticket," said Mini Timmaraju, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "She's the biggest asset."

Harris' portfolio as vice president changed with last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case that legalized abortion nationwide.

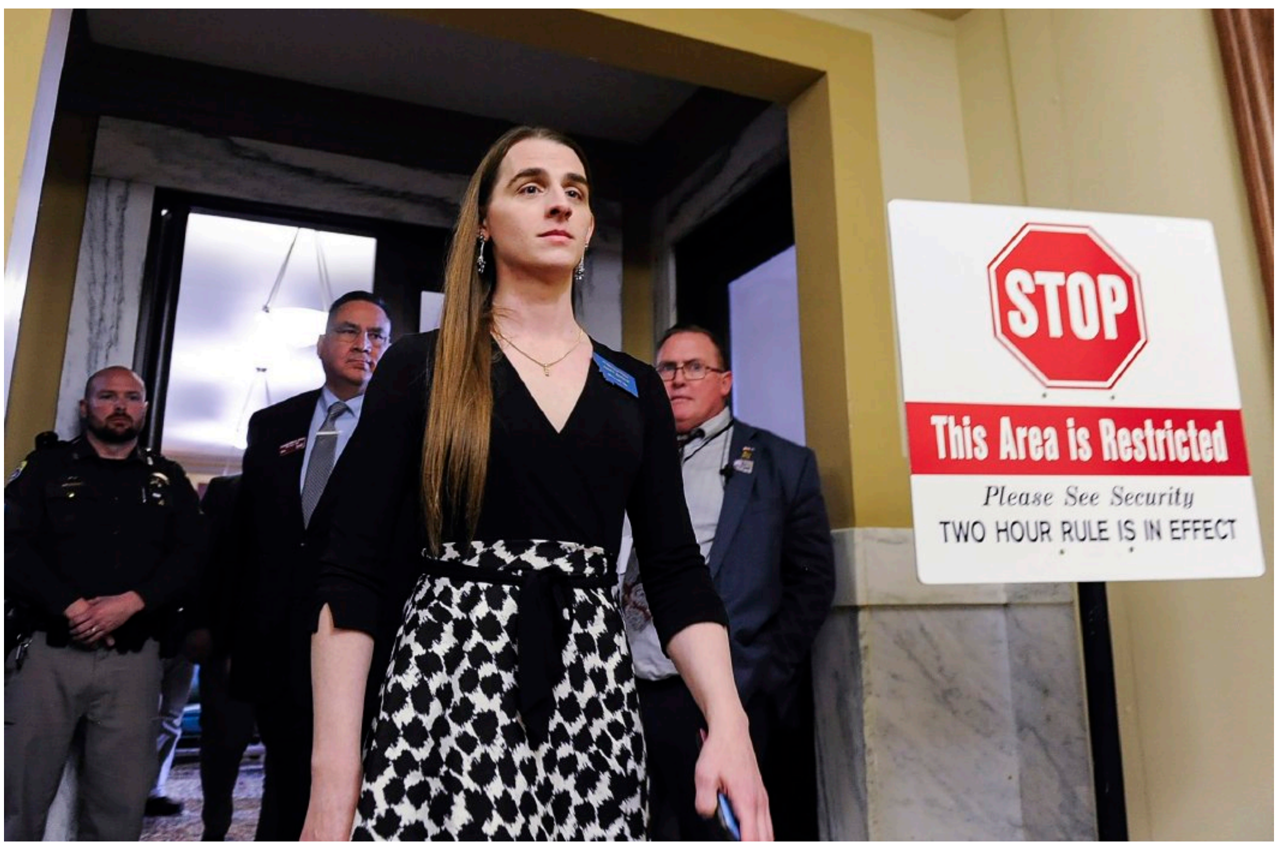
Although she had previously been assigned thorny issues with little political upside, such as stemming migration from Central America, Harris swiftly embraced a new role as the administration's most ardent defender of reproductive rights.

Outrage over abortion helped Democrats limit losses in the midterms, and the party expects it to remain a focus for voters.

GOP eager to label protests as 'insurrections'

Deliberate misuse of term furthers party's agenda, experts say

By Kimberlee Kruesi and Ali Swenson
Associated Press



Rep. Zooey Zephyr, D-Missoula, leaves the Montana House of Representatives on Wednesday in Helena. A group of Republican lawmakers said Zephyr's actions were responsible for "encouraging an insurrection." **THOM BRIDGE/INDEPENDENT RECORD**

Silenced by her Republican colleagues, Montana state Rep. Zooey Zephyr looked up from the House floor to supporters in the gallery shouting "Let her speak!" and thrust her microphone into the air — amplifying the sentiment the Democratic transgender lawmaker was forbidden from expressing.

It was a brief moment of defiance and chaos. While seven people were arrested for trespassing, the boisterous demonstration was free of violence or damage. Yet later that day, a group of Republican lawmakers described it in darker tones, saying Zephyr's actions were responsible for "encouraging an insurrection."

It's the third time in the last five weeks — and one of at least four times this year — that Republicans have attempted to compare disruptive but nonviolent protests at state capitols to insurrections.

The tactic follows a pattern set over the past two years when the term has been misused to describe public demonstrations and even the 2020 election that put Democrat Joe Biden in the White House. It's a move experts say dismisses legitimate speech and downplays the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump. Shortly after, the U.S. House voted to impeach him for "incitement of insurrection."

Ever since, many Republicans have attempted to turn the phrase on Democrats.

"They want to ring alarm bells and they want to compare this to Jan. 6," said Andy Nelson, the Democratic Party chair in Missoula County, which includes Zephyr's district. "There's absolutely no way you can compare what happened on Monday with the Jan. 6 insurrection. Violence occurred that day. No violence occurred in the gallery of the Montana House."

Last week's events in the Montana Legislature drew comparisons to a similar demonstration in Tennessee. Republican legislative leaders there used "insurrection" to describe a protest on the House floor by three Democratic lawmakers calling for gun control legislation in the aftermath of a Nashville school shooting that killed three students and three staff.

As in Montana, their supporters were shouting from the gallery above, and the scene brought legislative proceedings to a halt. Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton condemned the Democratic lawmakers.

"(What) they did today was equivalent, at least equivalent, maybe worse depending on how you look at it, of doing an insurrection in the Capitol," Sexton, a Republican, told a conservative radio station March 30.

He later clarified to reporters that he was talking just about the lawmakers and not the protesters who were at the Capitol. He has maintained that the Democratic lawmakers were trying to cause a riot.

To Democrats, Republicans' reaction was seen as a way to distract discussion from a critical topic.

"They are trying to dismiss the integrity and sincerity of what all these people are calling for," said Tennessee Democratic Rep. John Ray Clemmons. "They're dismissing what it is just to avoid the debate on this issue."

Legal experts say the term insurrection has a specific meaning: a violent uprising that targets government authority.

That's how dictionaries described it in the 18th and 19th centuries, when the term was added to the Constitution and the 14th Amendment, said Laurence Tribe, a constitutional law professor at Harvard University.

Protests at the capitols in Montana and Tennessee didn't involve violence or any real attempts to dismantle or replace a government, so it's wrong to call them insurrections, Tribe said.

Michael Gerhardt, a law professor at the University of North Carolina, said insurrection is understood as a coordinated attempt to overthrow government.

"Disrupting things is a far cry from insurrection," Gerhardt said. "It's just a protest, and protesters are not insurrectionists."

Nevertheless, conservative social media commentators and bloggers have used the word insurrection alongside videos of protesters at state capitols in attempts to equate those demonstrations to the Jan. 6 attack, when thousands of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol.

Republicans' use of the term insurrection in these cases isn't just wrong; it's also strategic, said Yotam Ophir, a University at Buffalo communications professor who focuses on misinformation. Repeating a loaded term over and over makes it lose its meaning and power, he said.

The term also serves two other purposes for Republicans: demonizing Democrats as violent and implying that the accusations against Trump supporters on Jan. 6 were exaggerated, Ophir said.

In Montana, one widely shared Twitter post falsely claimed transgender "insurgents" had "seized" the Capitol, while the right-wing website Breitbart called the protest Democrats' "second 'insurrection' in as many months."

The Montana Freedom Caucus, which issued the statement that included the insurrection description, includes 21 Montana Republican lawmakers, or a little less than a third of Republicans in the Legislature. It was founded in January with the encouragement of U.S. House Freedom Caucus member Rep. Matt Rosendale, a hard-line Montana conservative who backed Trump's false statements about fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

Republican lawmakers eventually voted to bar Zephyr from participating on the House floor, forcing her to vote remotely. Notably, Republicans largely avoided referencing insurrection when discussing the motion, but some did accuse Zephyr of attempting to incite violence and putting her colleagues at risk of harm.

The Montana and Tennessee examples follow at least two other statehouse protests that prompted cries of "insurrection" from Republicans.

Donald Trump Jr. cited "insurrection" in February in a tweet claiming transgender activists had occupied the Oklahoma Capitol. But according to local news reports, the hundreds who rallied against a gender-affirming care ban before the Republican-controlled Legislature were led in through metal detectors by law enforcement and protested peacefully.

In Minnesota, some conservative commentators used the word insurrection earlier this month as demonstrators gathered peacefully outside the Senate chambers while lawmakers in the Democratic-controlled Legislature debated contentious bills ranging from LGBTQ issues to abortion. There was no violence or damage.

Mark Dayton pauses to look at the Cosumnes River as he searches for gold April 17 in Shingle Springs, Calif. Dayton, a former police officer and firefighter, now makes a living as a treasure hunter.

Runoff delivers pay dirt

Torrents generated by California's heavy rains loosen more of what Golden State was named for

By Thomas Fuller
The New York Times

Amateur gold seeker and Placerville merchant Albert Fausel scans a creek bed for gold April 11 in Coloma, Calif. **JIM WILSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Gold Country Treasure Seekers club members display their finds.

PLACERVILLE, Calif. — Albert Fausel spends his days at the family hardware store sorting through boxes of bolts and pacing the old, creaking floorboards to greet his loyal clientele. But on a recent sunny afternoon, he threw on his wetsuit and diver's mask and inserted himself face down in the shallow creek near his home.

An amateur gold seeker, Fausel used his gloved fingers to sweep aside the sand and gravel at the bottom of the creek and then, still underwater, let out a cry that was audible through the tube of his snorkel: "Woooo-hoo-hoooo!"

He emerged with what gold seekers call a picker — not quite a nugget, but big enough to pinch in your fingers — and he delicately handed the glinting object to his fellow prospector, a friend with a long white beard who goes by Uncle Fuzzy.

In just 20 minutes of rooting around the creek bed, Fausel had found about $100 worth of gold.

There's a fever in California's gold country these days, the kind that comes with the realization that nature is unlocking another stash of precious metal. California's prodigious winter rainfall blasted torrents of water through mountain streams and rivers. And as the warmer weather melts the massive banks of snow — one research station in the Sierra recorded 60 feet for the season — the rushing waters are detaching and carrying gold deposits along the way. The immense wildfires of recent years also loosened the soil, helping to push downstream what some here are calling flood gold.

It has been nearly 175 years since the gold rush that drew countless wagons and ships filled with prospectors, but the foothills of the Sierra Nevada are still home to a quirky group of gold seekers, heavy on beards and flannel, who pore over old maps for the site of a now-vanished saloon or walk the backcountry searching for nuggets and other artifacts.

Placerville is a 15-minute drive from the valley where James Marshall, a carpenter from New Jersey, was building a sawmill in January 1848 along the American River when something shiny in the water caught his eye.

The big chunks of the easy-to-find gold that had been lolling around in rivers for millennia were gone after the first years of the gold rush, and Marshall died penniless. But miners resorted to spraying powerful jets of water onto hillsides and sorting through what flowed down, leaving giant piles of mining residue still visible today.

That kind of extraction is now heavily restricted in California, yet gold seekers say the recent battering of successive winter storms has produced a similar effect. It is as if nature had aimed a pressure washer onto the hills and delivered some of the precious minerals still embedded in the rock and dirt.

"Anytime you can stand next to a river, and you hear the boulders tumbling, you know the gold is moving, too," said Jim Eakin, owner of a local firewood business who tells the story of finding a nugget so big four years ago that he bought a new Ford F-150 pickup with cash. Like many of his gold-seeking friends, Eakin is cagey when asked about exactly where he unearthed the chunk of gold that got him the truck.

"Somewhere north of Los Angeles, south of Seattle and west of Denver," he said.

Eakin, whose gravelly voice betrays the pack and a half of cigarettes he smokes daily, does not own a computer and has never sent a text message. He revels in the hunt for treasure. He finds coins of all sizes and gold-rush-era belt buckles, and he travels to a big gem show in Tucson, Arizona, to sell his nuggets. It is a hobby that requires a lot of patience: For every big find, there are many days where — to use a gold-mining expression — things don't pan out.

'A magnificent year'

With the price of gold hovering near highs of $2,000 an ounce, Eakin counts himself among a group of gold seekers who can "read the ground" and profit from the fortuitous winter weather.

"It's going to be a magnificent year," said Tony Watley, president of the Gold Country Treasure Seekers club, which meets at the American Legion hall the third Monday of every month. "Everywhere, we are seeing new erosion."

The Treasure Seekers' get-togethers feature a show-and-tell portion where members display their finds on folding tables. Those who attended the March meeting were agog when someone laid out 2 pounds of gold nuggets he had found with a metal detector, the method preferred by most members of the club.

"There was $50,000 of gold up at that table," said Mark Dayton, a club regular. "We've had more gold in the last two meetings than I've seen in the last two years."

Dayton, a former police officer and firefighter, now makes a living as a treasure hunter.

In just a few outings in April, he found $750 worth of gold pieces. Gold seekers like him predict the best is yet to come, when the river levels recede and the rocks and sandbars become accessible.

There is no shortage of reminders that Placerville, the seat of El Dorado County about an hour east of Sacramento, is gold country.

In and around the town, there is Gold Country Chiropractic, the Gold Trail School, the Gold Hill Winery, the 49er liquor store, and the Gold Harvest Market on Mother Lode Drive.

Mark Dayton gathered these gold pieces, which hunters call "pickers," over the past few weeks in California's gold country. Dayton says he has found $750 worth of gold in just a few outings in April.

Placerville, once a stop along the Pony Express trail and known as Hangtown because of the vigilante justice once meted out there, trades on its gold rush history.

Fausel's store, Placerville Hardware, lays claim to being the oldest continuously operating hardware store west of the Mississippi River. It sells gold-panning equipment such as sluice boxes, plastic pans with ridges to trap gold, metal detectors, and small glass vials to preserve any pickers and flakes that amateur prospectors might find.

'The true gold'

For travelers headed to Lake Tahoe, Placerville is not much more than an inconvenient stoplight or two along the main highway. And young people these days seeking fortunes would sooner head to the Silicon Valley than pick up a gold pan.

Today's gold seekers range from part-time hobbyists keen to spend an afternoon by the river to the die-hard, well-equipped treasure hunters who make a living from it. Gold shops in the area buy the gold and either melt it down or convert it into jewelry.

On a recent afternoon, Dayton was accompanied along the Cosumnes River by a friend, Barron Brandon, a former mining executive and an amateur gold seeker in retirement. The two men hacked away at rocks and sand in a crevice between boulders. One of Dayton's metal detectors squawked loudly and, after further digging, they unearthed what had excited the machine: a worthless piece of rebar.

Brandon showed no sign of disappointment. He stood near the rushing river, the rolling hills covered in white oaks, the pristine creeks flowing gently beside grassy knolls dotted with wildflowers. "The true gold is just being out here," he said.

James Holifield, a high school student who lives in a Sacramento suburb, came to the banks of the American River on his last day of spring break, inspired by some videos on YouTube. "There's something about gold," he said, looking the part in a flannel shirt and rubber boots.

After two hours, he had found four flakes of gold. His mother, sitting in a portable chair a few yards back from the river, said she was grateful that her son had chosen a "low-investment" hobby.

And watching him pan for gold, she said, it beats seeing him glued to his phone.

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Paying for college

The May 1 deadline to make college decisions is here, which means that families are deep into conversations about how to pay the looming, large bill.

Before making a decision that can have repercussions for years ahead, there are a few things to keep in mind.

As I have noted in the past, financial aid packages are notoriously difficult to read and compare because there is no single way that schools are required to detail scholarship, grant and loan information. It is critical to understand what is free money and what is a loan that requires repayment. If it is unclear, call the school and ask.

If you are planning to borrow money from the federal government before July 1, you will be on the hook for a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan (unless you refinance it) — and the rates have jumped over the past year, due to the Fed's rate-tightening campaign.

For undergraduates, the interest rate for direct subsidized and unsubsidized loans is 4.99%; for graduate or professional students, it is 6.54%; and the rate for PLUS loans, which are for graduate students and parents, is 7.54%.

These higher rates mean that servicing debt will be harder for borrowers, which is why it's important not to borrow too much to finance a college education. While a few hundred dollars a month for 10 years is not onerous, as the dollar amounts borrowed increases, the money used to pay down those loans can represent funds that are not available to pay rent, fund an emergency reserve fund or contribute fully to a retirement plan.

For parents or grandparents who want to help students, you must put your own financial security first — otherwise, you may have to ask your kids for help later in life.

A recent Bankrate survey found that about half of Americans sacrificed their own emergency savings, paying down their own debt or reaching a financial milestone to help their adult children. More than four in 10 (43%) sacrificed their retirement savings to help their kids. If you can afford to assist without jeopardizing your own financial security, that's fine, but try to refrain from borrowing against your house or a retirement account — or shortchanging your own contributions — in order to help out.

For years, I have maintained that getting a four-year degree is worth it because lifetime earnings increase, on average, the more education you receive.

According to a Georgetown University study, the lifetime earnings of a full-time full-year worker with a high school diploma are $1.6 million; those with an associate's degree earn $2 million; and bachelor's degree holders earn a median of $2.8 million during their career, 75% more than if they had only a high school diploma. Master's degree holders earn a median of $3.2 million, doctoral degree holders earn $4 million and professional degree holders earn $4.7 million.

That said, before rushing back to school to earn another degree, think critically about whether amassing more education makes sense for you.

As I outlined in my book, "The Great Money Reset," sometimes we fall back on old models of education, when there could be viable alternatives to help jump start earnings.

I encourage you to "perform a three-part analysis, identifying what you hope to gain from more schooling, how you might pay for it, and whether any less costly options exist for reaching your career goals.

"Think creatively. Don't necessarily go for the big, fancy graduate degree. You might not need to go back to school at all or make any change in your professional career."

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Acknowledging LONG COVID-19

5 ways to make workplaces more accessible for employees with often debilitating condition

By Julia Herbst | Fast Company

Since 2020, more than 16 million Americans have developed long COVID-19. The often debilitating condition causes exhaustion, cognitive impairment, sensitivity to light and susceptibility to infection, among dozens of other symptoms. There is currently no cure, making it hard for many people to return to work without accommodations.

According to an analysis of worker compensation claims in New York state between January 2020 and March 2022, around 71% of long COVID-19 sufferers experienced symptoms that kept them out of work or required treatment for more than six months. And even those who are able to return to work often report stigma and discrimination in the workplace, which may lead them to quit their job. However, there are many accommodations that can make the workplace more accessible.

Ask employees what accommodations they need

Linda Batiste, the director of services and publications at the Job Accommodation Network, an organization that provides guidance on disability in the workplace on behalf of the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, says that employees with long COVID-19 are sometimes met with paternalism. The manager may treat the employee like they're fragile, sidelining them from responsibilities or opportunities. This approach makes assumptions about what a person with long COVID-19 can and can't do.

Instead, employers should ask workers what accommodations they might require. "We don't want to make any assumptions about what you need; you tell us and we'll go from there," Batiste says. "Let the individual know that they can drive this conversation because they're the one who knows what they need."

Offer flexible working options

Flexibility is key, says Jessica DeMars, a physiotherapist treating people with long COVID-19 at BreatheWell Physio.

"Most employers don't seem to have work options that fit people with long COVID-19," says DeMars, who developed workplace accessibility recommendations for the condition. Many people with long COVID-19 require shifts that are shorter than four hours. But many employers haven't accommodated this need, she says.

Common long COVID-19 symptoms make work more physically or mentally taxing. An employee with brain fog may need extra time to complete tasks and may need frequent breaks. Others may need to move into a less physical role, as many people with long COVID-19 experience severe fatigue, fainting and exercise intolerance.

Sometimes flexibility also means reducing work hours and introducing work-from-home options. DeMars also recommends having a quiet break room to help people with long COVID-19 recharge.

"Allowing telework, or flexible schedules or the use of leave as a policy for all employees not only makes the workplace more accessible in general, but also reduces the amount of accommodations people have to ask for," Batiste says.

Ensure employees returning part time keep insurance benefits

For roughly half of all Americans, health insurance is tied to their employment. Employees with long COVID-19 who transition from full time to part time may lose these benefits.

"The Americans with Disabilities Act does not require maintenance of benefits if the person doesn't work the requisite hours," Batiste says.

Leaders should do their best to ensure employees retain these benefits if they transition to part-time work. But when there is no leeway with the insurance policy, the Job Accommodation Network helps employers find the right accommodations to ensure employees can work the requisite amount of hours.

Make it easy for employees to access insurance benefits

Navigating insurance claims is complicated. It doesn't help that many plans deny employees' long COVID-19 claims. Some insurers may ask for positive laboratory tests or other medical paperwork.

But many people with long COVID-19 test negative on PCR, antibody or rapid-antigen tests, and have difficulty accessing clinics specialized in providing a diagnosis.

Sometimes insurance companies only cover forms of physiotherapy — graded exercise therapy — that are actually harmful for some patients with long COVID-19. "Insurance companies are still in the mindset that people need to have exercise rehab to get ready to return to work," DeMars says. "They just don't understand post-exertional malaise."

People with long COVID-19 who have post-exertional malaise cannot freely exercise because it causes a subsequent energy crash. In some cases, people with long COVID-19 even experience this crash after everyday tasks like showering.

Leaders can make sure employees know how to navigate their insurance benefits. With symptoms like mental exhaustion or cognitive impairment, this can be a big help.

Improve long COVID-19 awareness in the workplace

"One of the most important things is to be believed," says Susie Goulding, a Canadian woman with long COVID-19 who founded COVID-Long Haulers Canada and is a patient collaborator on the Long COVID Web research project.

Many people with long COVID-19 experience discrimination everywhere. Family members, coworkers and even doctors sometimes assume people with long COVID-19 are "lazy" or that the condition is "all in their head." Many people also don't know a lot about the condition.

Long COVID-19 isn't always obvious either. Goulding explains that some people who join their support group have no idea their symptoms are long COVID-19. In some cases, it took people three years to connect the dots and get a diagnosis.

Since COVID-19 is still circulating and making workers sick, "an awareness campaign in the workplace could help people understand what long COVID-19 is and also provide information about prevention," Goulding says.

It can also help people be transparent about what they're experiencing. Right now, three in five people hide their disabilities in the workplace because they fear discrimination.

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The Savings Game

Many who invested in bond mutual funds with long maturities in 2022 were disappointed because total returns were negative.

When interest rates increase, the value of long-term bonds fall. Thus, for investors who thought that bond holdings would protect them, a fall in fund prices was disappointing, because in 2022 both bond prices and stock prices fell dramatically in value.

What will happen in 2023 is hard to predict. If the rate of inflation falls and the Federal Reserve starts to cut interest rates, then bond prices will increase and the value of bond funds with long maturities will increase, and equity prices will also rise. But no one can be sure if inflation will be controlled, and if inflation is not controlled better, then the Federal Reserve will not be taking steps to decrease interest rates.

At the beginning of 2022, investors who were looking for conservative investments that paid reasonable interest rates did not have very good options. The returns for Treasury bills, short-term CDs and money-market funds were very poor, in most cases less than 1%. Fortunately, for conservative investors, there are now much better alternatives for those looking for stable shorter-term conservative investments with reasonable returns.

For example, I wrote about a month ago that I had invested in Vanguard's Federal Money Market Fund (VMFXX), which was returning over 4% at that time. The return on that fund is now over 4.5%. Vanguard requires a $3,000 minimum investment for that fund. Money-market funds are very liquid, and you can sell shares quickly and convert them to cash whenever you wish. Fidelity also offers a comparable money-market fund.

If you invest in money-market funds, there are no tax advantages. However, currently you can also invest in municipal money-market funds that now earn almost 4%. Rates may not stay that high, but while they do — and if you are in a high tax bracket — you should consider this investment. For example, Vanguard offers such a fund, the Vanguard Municipal Money Market Fund (VMSXX), with a $3,000 minimum. Fidelity also offers a similar fund, the Municipal Money Market Fund (FTEXX), with no minimum and a similar yield. If interest rates fall, you can liquidate the funds immediately and invest in a traditional money-market fund or other conservative investment such as Treasury bills or CDs.

A 4% yield on a municipal money-market municipal bond fund is equivalent to more than 6% for someone in the 35% federal tax bracket.

Even though my tax bracket is lower, I have transferred some funds from my municipal bond investments into a municipal money-market fund.

Returns on CDs have increased dramatically since the beginning of 2022. Currently, you can find FDIC-insured five-year CDs with interest rates of approximately 4.5%.

Hopefully, actions by the Federal Reserve will help curb inflation. If so, returns on traditional investments such as indexed equity funds and longer-term fixed income funds will improve. But there is no certainty that will happen.

So, for conservative investors who are concerned about preservation of capital, it is prudent to consider investing some of your investments in shorter-term investments such as money-market funds, Treasury bills, Treasury notes and relatively short-term CDs.

As inflation comes under control, you can consider using dollar-cost averaging from conservative investments into conservative equity mutual funds/ETFs. Fortunately, there are now conservative short-term investment alternatives that offer reasonable returns as well as capital protection.

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Free yourself of stuff, consider downsizing

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Once he retired, Jakob Miller finally had the time and energy to organize his three-bedroom home.

He headed to the basement, where he emptied boxes and bins of old clothes, toys and knick-knacks. But as he looked around the mountain of clutter, he quickly discovered that thinking he could do everything at once was a mistake.

"I was so excited to get started that I didn't realize how overwhelming the task would be," recalls Miller, 54, a retired laboratory scientist from Staten Island, New York "I was overwhelmed and exhausted, and I barely made a dent in the clutter."

Experts make downsizing and decluttering seem simple: Keep, trash or donate. You likely won't be able to do it in a day. But here are some tips on how to start effective downsizing and decluttering.

Make a schedule and stick to it. "Whether it's 10 minutes, 30 minutes a day or a full day on the weekend, setting aside dedicated time to declutter will help ensure you progress," says Aaron Traub, owner of My Professional Organizer in Dallas.

Start with easy wins. Gather all trash, clean the fridge and pantry and then collect and organize receipts and paperwork, which likely have minimal sentimental value.

Next, "look for things that are out of place, like piles of books, clothes, shoes, small appliances," says Diane Quintana, an organizer with Release Repurpose Reorganize in Atlanta. "Can you put these things away? If you can't put them away, can you make room for them by decluttering where they would go?"

Then move on to other smaller areas. Consider tackling individual drawers before moving up to something slightly larger, such as a closet or a spare room, says Darcy Speed, who trains other organizers and home stagers online at Ultimate Academy. "There are usually fewer decisions to be made regarding what to keep and what to donate," she says.

Stop collecting more stuff — even if it means telling friends and family members to skip this year's birthday present.

Consider getting outside help. Professional organizers can map out a process and timeline while keeping things moving.

Give yourself grace with a "maybe" box. If you're on the fence about a particular item, set it aside, says Danie Smallwood, a decluttering coach in Bethesda, Maryland. The hardest decisions will involve holiday ornaments, scrapbooks, pictures and other items that tear at your heart.

Ask yourself the last time you used something. If you haven't used it in the past year or so and don't expect you'll need it soon, it's probably safe to get rid of it, Traub says.

Reach out to your children. Ask them to go through any of the possessions they left behind.

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Estate planning for all

People tend to avoid the discussion of estate planning because no one likes to think about their mortality. Plus, there's the presumption that only the wealthy have an "estate" that needs planning.

But many moderate-income families may have a very special need to do some simple estate planning. If they arrange their assets properly, they can make sure that if one spouse needs custodial care, the other spouse can still live a comfortable life.

Wealthy people buy long-term care insurance, or decide they have enough assets to cover the cost of private care, either in-home or in assisted living. (Medicare will only provide skilled nursing home care for up to 100 days — and then only if the patient is moved directly from a hospital.)

That leaves a big gap for many families with more moderate incomes and assets. Their savings could disappear in a flash if they need full-time care. Family members often provide help.

But there's another way to get both care and peace of mind: using a specialist lawyer to pre-arrange your assets.

Medicaid is a federal/state program administered by each state with its own regulations. In addition to providing health care to the poor, it is designed to provide long-term custodial care to those who have spent their assets. Each state has its own rules for spending down assets and using income from pensions, Social Security, savings or a spouse's income.

For example, a single individual who needs nursing home care to be paid by Medicaid in Illinois this year must qualify by having income (including Social Security, pensions, IRA distributions and rental income) under $1,215 per month and own assets under $2,000.

But in the case of a married couple, the law realizes it does no good to impoverish the spouse who is well. So, each state sets its own rules about allowable spousal income and assets for the "community spouse." For example, in Illinois in 2023, that income allowance is $2,000 per month, plus assets totaling no more than $120,780. But a waiver could increase that income limit to $3,715.50 per month.

Florida does not allow an applicant to own countable assets worth more than $2,000. However, if the applicant's income is under $856 per month, the asset limit jumps to $5,000. In Florida, the "community spouse" can retain up to $148,620 in individual or joint assets in addition to the family home.

In most states, the community spouse may keep the family home regardless of value. But after death, a single homeowner can expect that the state will attempt to recoup its Medicaid costs from his or her estate.

As you can see from this brief overview, Medicaid planning is a quagmire and requires a sharp lawyer in your state of residence to deal with issues of income, assets and home ownership. Complicating the process is the fact that it's difficult to predict which spouse will need care first. Transferring assets at the last minute to qualify for Medicaid results in penalties, since states can "look back" at least five years to catch illegal transfers. But Florida is among the states that allow transfers between spouses, an essential element in the planning process.

You need a qualified elder law attorney in your state of residence to manage this process. Joannie Rodriguez is a Florida Bar board-certified elder law attorney in Orlando, Florida. She says her practice is as much about preserving peace of mind as it is about saving the family's hard-earned nest-egg, while providing the best quality of care for the longest time — and protecting the community spouse.

Rodriguez makes no apologies for doing this type of planning, saying: "This is not about taking advantage. I am helping people qualify for benefits they are entitled to receive but might not know about." She strongly advises people to "plan while you are capable of making your own decisions."

To find a trusted senior estate planning attorney in your state of residence, visit NAELA.org, the website of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Done correctly, this kind of planning is about having peace of mind for yourself and your family at the end of your life, no matter what your level of assets and income. And that's The Savage Truth.

Need to break a bad habit? Start by accepting this truth

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When you first started a bad habit, the truth is it benefited you in some way, and it's smart to figure out what that benefit was, or still is. That understanding is the crucial first step to stopping your bad habit for good.

Identify your triggers

The first step in stopping a bad habit is to identify the trigger or triggers that set it off. Chances are you won't be able to eliminate those triggers, but by paying attention to the moment when the trigger happens, you can intervene, short-circuiting your bad habit. For example, putting snacks in a different location or putting a note to yourself on them asking if you're hungry, might be enough of a disruption to stop you from mindlessly munching.

Replace your bad habit with something else

Create a replacement habit that delivers a similar benefit—the most powerful tool at your disposal for stopping the bad habit. For instance, if you bite your nails as a response to stress, try handling the stress a different way. In their article, the researchers suggest breathing exercises instead, which could be an effective replacement for nail-biting in that you can do it while sitting at your desk and it only takes a few moments. Importantly, your replacement habit should be something you actually want to do. Don't try piling self-discipline on top of self-discipline by first denying yourself your bad habit, and then forcing yourself to do something you won't enjoy.

Be patient with yourself

Habits alter your brain, creating new neural pathways that will allow you to take these same actions in the future without thinking about them. Your brain seeks to conserve energy whenever it can, which is why we humans have a tendency to go on autopilot, and why habits tend to stick. This means that in order to break a habit, you actually have to weaken or break down the neural pathways that formed when the habit was created. This is why it's so important to replace the habit you want to stop with something that you truly enjoy—it will give you your best chance at successfully breaking the habit. Even if you do everything right, habits can be tenacious, and you might find yourself unconsciously slipping back into your old ways. If that happens, be kind to yourself. Don't make the mistake of thinking that one slip-up means all the work you did to fight your bad habit was wasted.

Money magic

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Americans are choosing lottery tickets — and maybe even fortune tellers — over financial planners

By Shalene Gupta
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Money is power — but that doesn't mean Americans want to talk about it. Empower, a financial services company, surveyed 2,000 Americans over the age of 18 on how they feel about talking about money. Here's what they found:

Over half of Americans don't talk about money: 62% of respondents said they don't talk about money, even though 61% said they think about money. Over half of Americans say they never talked about money growing up, and one in four said they learned it's not polite to talk about money. Today, 43% of respondents said they talk about politics with other people, 32% said they talk about death, but only 24% said they talk about finances with others.

It's easier to believe in magic than financial planning: 71% of Americans said they bought a lottery ticket, and 24% of millennials said they've spoken to a fortune teller, but only 33% of Americans have spoken with a financial planner.

Americans would like to talk about money more: 56% of Americans said they wish talking about money weren't taboo, and 66% believe more conversation could help people achieve financial freedom. Meanwhile, 62% said they believed it could help improve the gender pay gap.

But we don't even know our own net worth: Only 58% of Americans know their own net worth, and only 38% know their partner's. Meanwhile, 28% said they knew Elon Musk's net worth, but only 24% knew their family's.

"Conversation is a currency on the pathway to financial security, and open discussions about money can have a truly transformative effect on society," said Carol Waddell, president of Empower Personal Wealth. "Our study shows people believe that clarity about their financial picture, talking to an advisor, and financial education are key to achieving financial success."

Time to explore investments abroad

By Nellie S. Huang
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International stocks: Why bother? For the greater part of the past decade, it hasn't paid to invest abroad. U.S. stocks beat their overseas counterparts in eight of the past 10 calendar years.

But it may pay to bother now. The stars are aligning for foreign shares. Inflation is easing, for a start, in much of the developed world and some emerging countries. "A lot of last year's headaches — higher inflation and rising interest rates—should subside throughout this year," says Nicole Kornitzer, manager of Buffalo International, "so the big question is how much of those rate hikes will flow through and cause a recession" and how bad the downturn will be.

But the economic outlook this year may not be as gloomy as economists once thought. Though the International Monetary Fund expects global growth to slow to 2.9% this year, down from an estimated 3.4% in 2022, many market strategists and economists think that in certain key markets, particularly the eurozone, any recession will be shallower than originally expected. Some say Europe may avoid a recession entirely.

What's more, foreign shares are cheap — cheaper than they have been in 15 years relative to U.S. stocks, according to some calculations. The dollar is weakening, too, which can be a boon for emerging markets.

And then there's China. It's still the world's growth engine. Thanks to its early January reopening, international markets are off to a great start this year. In the first month of 2023, two broad MSCI benchmarks, the EAFE and the Emerging Markets index, logged gains of 8% — or close to it. The MSCI China index climbed 12%. And markets in Germany and Korea, which strategists say will benefit most from China's reopening, gained more than 12%. The S&P 500, by contrast, is up 6%.

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Many strategists predict this trend will continue. "We expect international stocks to deliver a superior return to the S&P 500 over the next several market cycles," says Mark Haefele, UBS chief investment officer of global wealth management.

In other words, it's time for American investors to pack up their stay-at-home strategy and go abroad. Indeed, many investors are already rushing in, particularly in emerging markets.

But investing in foreign markets can be tricky. Uncertainty lingers about just what will happen with global economies. The war in Ukraine continues. And investors tend to be fickle about international stocks.

"People get very hot and very cold quickly" about foreign stock markets, often with little due diligence, says David Marcus, chief executive of Evermore Global Advisors.

And international investing comes with an extra set of challenges, given the array of different countries, and their currency, regulatory and political risks.

On top of that, emerging markets carry greater liquidity risk, meaning it's not always easy to buy or sell securities quickly and efficiently.

So, dip in slowly. "While we expect elevated levels of volatility to persist for the foreseeable future, we also see opportunities for investors amid the fog," says Ben Kirby, cohead of investments at Thornburg Investment Management.

Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Summer jobs are plentiful for teens who want to work

Help wanted signs for summer jobs are sprouting right now like so many tulips blooming in flower beds.

You can hardly drive down a busy street without seeing "now hiring" signs for lifeguards, camp counselors, seasonal park workers, beach and marina staff, and shift roles at fast-food restaurants. One parks and recreation department in my community is advertising increased lifeguard pay to $15 an hour for applicants who are 15 and older.

Indeed, jobs for teenagers and young adults are expected to be plentiful this summer with many workers earning above minimum wage.

However, job growth will be slightly lower than last year's gains, according to the annual summer jobs outlook from Challenger, Gray & Christmas, the outplacement and business and executive coaching firm that has been monitoring the summer jobs market for many years.

Challenger, Gray predicts employers will add 1.1 million more teens ages 16 to 19 to their payrolls this summer. That's down from last summer's gain of 1.24 million jobs. (Those numbers do not include all the young entrepreneurs who baby-sit, dog walk and mow yards in the neighborhood.)

The job market growth this summer will mark the smallest level of summer job gains among teens since 2011.

Those 2023 estimates are based not only on the potential for a slower economy that may reduce job creation but also the fact that "despite need, teens will not take available jobs," the outplacement firm said.

"Teens who want jobs are basically working right now," said Andrew Challenger, senior vice president of the Chicago-based firm.

In March, 5.5 million workers aged 16 to 19 were employed, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's the highest total since March 2007.

"Amusement parks, pools, restaurants and summer entertainment venues most certainly have needs," Challenger said. These are mainly shift roles that older job seekers may reject, he said.

What about wages?

Teens should expect to make better than minimum wage at most jobs, Challenger said. In addition, he added, "it's worth a try to negotiate the starting wage they want from one employer. But even if they don't get it, it's possible another is already offering a higher wage."

That said, consider more than just the money, Challenger said. What skills are you learning that can be applied in the future? How is the work environment? Do you generally get along with others in team situations? Is the work environment safe for teens? Is there a training program?

If you have a teen eager to work over the summer, here are some additional job seeking tips:

- Start knocking on doors and filling out resumes now.
- Network. Reach out to family friends, instructors, coaches and friends' parents about job opportunities.
- Create a resume. Include extracurricular activities and volunteer experience.
- Practice common interview questions about your strengths and experiences. Dress for success by looking professional in front of the interviewer and be punctual.

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DREAMSTIME

Find a more rewarding credit card

By Lisa Gerstner
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Is your old rewards credit card not so rewarding any more? If so, you might want to shop for a new one.

"Many changes over the last few years have brought more value to regular, everyday spending," says Cyndie Martini, CEO and founder of card-processing platform Member Access Processing.

Here are some of the top cash-back rewards offerings today.

Flat-rate cash back

Citi Double Cash Mastercard. Get a total 2% cash back on everything you buy: 1% when you make a purchase and an additional 1% when you pay the bill. Rewards are tracked as Citi Thank-You points, which you can exchange at a rate of 1 cent apiece for a statement credit, direct deposit into your bank account or check.

Farmers Insurance Federal Credit Union Crystal Visa. Annual fee: $99, waived the first year; sign-up bonus: $100 back if you spend $5,000 in the first three months.

Earn a whopping 3% cash back on all spending the first year you have this card.

After that, you get 2.5% back — a strong rate that makes the annual fee worthwhile for those who spend enough to justify it.

The amount of spending that exceeds $10,000 each month does not earn rewards, which are given as points that you can trade at a rate of a penny each for cash back.

Wells Fargo Active Cash Visa. Sign-up bonus: $200 back if you spend $1,000 in the first three months.

Cardholders get 2% cash back on everything they buy. Redemption options include statement credits on purchases, a credit to other qualifying Wells Fargo accounts (including a checking account or mortgage) and gift cards.

Cash back in rotating categories

Chase Freedom Flex Mastercard. Sign-up bonus: $200 back if you spend $500 in the first three months; 5% back on grocery store purchases on up to $12,000 spent in the first year.

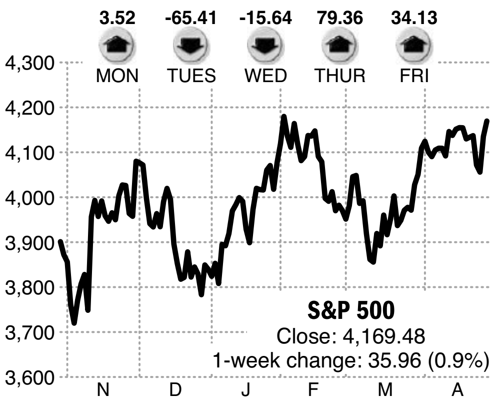
Cardholders get 5% back on up to $1,500 spent each quarter in rotating categories. You also get year-round rewards of 5% back on travel purchased through Chase's Ultimate Rewards program, 3% on restaurant and drugstore purchases, and 1% on all other spending. You can trade the Ultimate Rewards points that you earn at a rate of a penny each for cash back, gift cards or travel bookings.

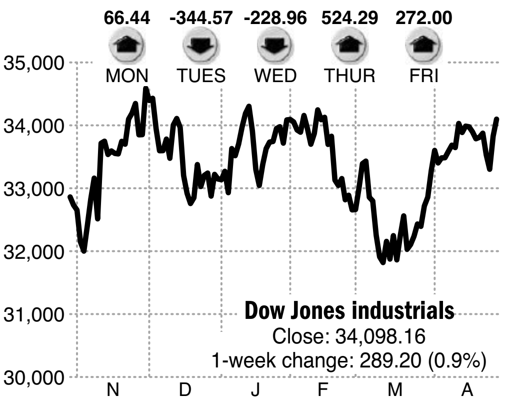
U.S. Bank+Visa Signature. Sign-up bonus: $200 back if you spend $1,000 in the first 120 days.

Each quarter, you choose two categories that earn 5% back on up to $2,000 in combined spending. You also select one category that earns 2% back. Prepaid travel bookings through U.S. Bank earn 5% back, and all other spending earns 1% back. Redeem cash back as a statement credit, a deposit into a U.S. Bank account or a prepaid debit card.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap





WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
34712.28	28660.94	Dow Jones industrials	34104.56	33235.85	34098.16	+289.20	+0.9	+2.9	+3.4
15888.39	11946.21	Dow Jones trans.	14524.54	13400.45	14021.87	-391.71	-2.7	+4.7	-5.7
1063.15	823.64	Dow Jones utilities	979.98	952.70	959.61	-9.73	-1.0	-0.8	-4.0
16222.20	13278.56	NYSE Comp.	15623.04	15201.10	15545.88	-33.05	-0.2	+2.4	-0.4
6393.65	4952.56	NYSE International	6271.64	6136.74	6232.17	-30.83	-0.5	+7.3	+2.9
13720.91	10440.64	Nasdaq 100	13247.39	12724.24	13245.99	+245.22	+1.9	+21.1	+3.0
13181.09	10088.83	Nasdaq Comp.	12227.72	11798.77	12226.58	+154.13	+1.3	+16.8	-0.9
4325.28	3491.58	S&P 500	4170.06	4049.35	4169.48	+35.96	+0.9	+8.6	+0.9
2738.88	2185.93	S&P MidCap	2509.79	2426.31	2490.40	-8.43	-0.3	+2.5	-0.4
43311.09	34917.15	Wilshire 5000	41065.22	39928.64	41064.05	+218.14	+0.5	+7.9	-0.7
2030.05	1641.47	Russell 2000	1797.61	1725.82	1768.99	-22.52	-1.3	+0.4	-5.1
468.97	377.77	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	468.97	463.04	466.39	-2.27	-0.5	+9.8	0.0
8047.06	6707.62	FTSE 100	7927.11	7791.63	7870.57	-43.56	-0.6	+5.6	+4.3

Gold
↗ **+10.60**
$1,990.10

Silver
↘ **-.05**
$25.00

Crude Oil
↘ **-1.13**
$76.74

Natural Gas
↗ **+.16**
$2.40

10-year T-note
↘ **-.14**
3.43%

Euro
↘ **-.0033**
to .9077/$1

Yen
↗ **+2.07**
to 136.28/$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Fst Republic Bank	3.51	-10.75
Ford Motor	11.88	+.07
Snap Inc A	8.71	-1.30
AT&T Inc	17.67	-.55
Bank of America	29.28	-.59
Carnival Corp	9.21	-.17
Lumen Technologies	2.37	+.14
Pfizer Inc	38.89	-1.32
NY Cmty Bcp	10.69	+1.67
Keycorp	11.26	-.33
Verizon Comm	38.83	+1.51
Sthwstn Energy	5.19	+.21
Pinterest Inc	23.00	-4.39

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Mullen Automotive	.08	-.03
Bed Bath &Beynd	.11	-.19
Ideanomics Inc	.02	-.02
Tesla Inc	164.31	-.77
Amazon.com Inc	105.45	-1.51
Crown Electrkinetics	.16	+.06
Exela Technologies	.03	-.01
Intel Corp	31.06	+.76
Apple Inc	169.68	+4.66
Adv Micro Dev	89.37	+.94
Microsoft Corp	307.26	+21.50
IN8bio Inc	1.46	+.41
Alphabet Inc A	107.34	+1.93

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	20.42	+.62
Direx Biotech Bull	5.57	-.43
Direx SOX Bull 3X	14.23	-.63
iShs China Large Cap	28.33	-.07
iShs Emerg Mkts	39.13	+.12
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	75.36	+.37
iShares Rus 2000	175.20	-2.36
Invesco QQQ Trust	322.56	+5.95
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	28.25	+1.38
ProSh Short QQQ	12.17	-.22
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	28.96	-1.77
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	415.93	+3.73
SPDR Financial	33.17	-.05

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	636.86	+2.39
Abbott Labs	110.47	-1.19
AbbVie Inc	151.12	-11.29
Accenture PLC	280.29	+3.96
Alibaba Group Hldg	84.69	-4.44
Alphabet Inc C	108.22	+2.31
Alphabet Inc A	107.34	+1.93
Amazon.com Inc	105.45	-1.51
Apple Inc	169.68	+4.66
AstraZeneca PLC	73.22	-2.38
Bank of America	29.28	-.59
Berkshire Hath A	502879.94	+6474.98
Berkshire Hath B	328.55	+4.22
Broadcom Inc	626.50	-6.40
Chevron Corp	168.58	-.54
Cisco Syst	47.25	+.22
CocaCola Co	64.15	+.10
Costco Wholesale	503.22	-3.13
Danaher Corp	236.91	-15.90
Disney	102.50	+2.93
Eli Lilly	395.86	+10.62
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.34	+2.33
Home Depot	300.54	+.50
JPMorgan Chase	138.24	-2.30
Johnson & Johnson	163.70	+1.01
MasterCard Inc	380.03	+4.79
McDonalds Corp	295.75	+3.69
Merck & Co	115.47	+.10
Meta Platforms Inc	240.32	+27.43
Microsoft Corp	307.26	+21.50
Novartis AG	102.57	+2.27
Novo Nordisk AS	167.09	-5.56
Nvidia Corporation	277.49	+6.30
Oracle Corp	94.72	-.43
PepsiCo	190.89	+5.48
Pfizer Inc	38.89	-1.32
Procter & Gamble	156.38	+.31
Salesforce.com Inc	198.37	-.66
Shell plc ADS	61.98	+.52
T-Mobile US Inc	143.90	-2.32
Taiwan Semicon	84.30	-1.07
Tesla Inc	164.31	-.77
Thermo Fisher Sci	554.90	-16.78
Toyota Mot	137.33	+2.66
Unitedhealth Group	492.09	+8.27
Visa Inc	232.73	-1.32
WalMart Strs	150.97	-.76

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, April 28, 2023

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK (*Stock $ change*)	1-YR (*Stock % return*)
1 AbbVie Inc	266,597	151.12	▼ -11.29	-1.9
2 McDonalds Corp	215,906	295.75	▲ +3.69	+21.6
3 Abbott Labs	191,990	110.47	▼ -1.19	-4.5
4 Boeing Co	124,397	206.78	▲ +1.63	+33.4
5 Caterpillar Inc	112,976	218.80	▼ -1.47	+2.4
6 Deere Co	112,015	378.02	▼ -8.68	-2.3
7 Mondelez Intl	104,581	76.72	▲ +5.40	+17.6
8 ITW	73,748	241.94	▲ +5.75	+23.9
9 CME Group	66,828	185.77	▼ -3.96	-14.6
10 Motorola Solutions	48,736	291.40	▼ -1.35	+37.4
11 Kraft Heinz Co	48,184	39.27	▲ +.05	-3.7
12 Gallagher AJ	44,455	208.06	▲ +.29	+20.4
13 Arch Dan Mid	42,525	78.08	▼ -2.42	-15.2
14 Exelon Corp	42,190	42.44	▼ -.78	-7.6
15 Grainger WW	34,961	695.57	▲ +25.46	+41.9
16 Allstate Corp	30,464	115.76	▼ -.02	-7.5
17 Walgreen Boots Alli	30,413	35.25	▼ -.02	-16.3
18 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	27,620	551.43	▲ +10.06	+36.0
19 Discover Fin Svcs	26,275	103.47	▼ -2.05	-2.5
20 Baxter Intl	24,103	47.68	▲ +2.39	-32.5
21 Equity Residential	23,965	63.25	▲ +1.95	-25.3
22 CDW Corp	22,995	169.59	▲ +6.46	+4.7
23 Dover Corp	20,440	146.16	▼ -1.52	+6.2
24 Ventas Inc	19,222	48.05	▲ +2.87	-14.5
25 ConAgra Brands Inc	18,103	37.96	▲ +.84	+11.0
26 Nthn Trust Cp	16,237	78.16	▼ -7.14	-25.8
27 IDEX Corp	15,591	206.32	▼ -11.44	+9.4
28 LKQ Corporation	15,430	57.73	▲ +1.13	+17.9
29 Zebra Tech	14,804	288.03	▲ +.13	-23.4
30 CBOE Global Markets	14,744	139.70	▲ +.19	+21.4
31 United Airlines Hldg	14,365	43.80	▼ -.65	-14.8
32 CF Industries	14,027	71.58	▼ -2.86	-26.2
33 TransUnion	13,294	68.81	▲ +4.01	-24.2
34 Equity Lifesty Prop	12,829	68.90	▲ +.53	-11.2
35 Packaging Corp Am	12,157	135.26	▼ -7.97	-14.4
36 NiSource Inc	11,753	28.46	▲ +.07	-1.2
37 Paylocity Hldg	10,779	193.29	▼ -.64	+.6
38 Ryan Specialty Group	10,609	40.86	▲ +.78	+5.0
39 CNA Financial	10,519	38.91	▼ -.30	-13.9
40 US Foods Holding	8,906	38.40	▲ +.67	-2.1
41 Fortune Brands Innov	8,213	64.69	▲ +4.11	+2.6
42 Aptargroup Inc	7,748	118.51	▼ -2.08	+6.0
43 Morningstar Inc	7,574	178.31	▼ -29.28	-34.5
44 Middleby Corp	7,563	140.88	▼ -.95	-7.1
45 Old Republic	7,487	25.27	▲ +.01	+13.5
46 Ingredion Inc	7,004	106.17	▲ +1.34	+26.4
47 First Indl RT	6,938	52.47	▼ -.22	-16.4
48 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,618	139.04	▲ +6.26	-37.8
49 RLI Corp	6,334	139.05	▼ -7.82	+30.3
50 Brunswick Corp	6,043	84.79	▼ -1.36	+16.4
51 Littelfuse Inc	5,996	242.24	▼ -3.46	+8.1
52 CCC Intellig Solut	5,448	8.68	▼ -.37	-5.0
53 Hyatt Hotels Corp	5,425	114.30	▼ -3.10	+15.1
54 Stericycle Inc	4,219	45.65	▲ +3.58	-18.2
55 Wintrust Financial	4,182	68.37	▼ -2.00	-21.9
56 GATX	4,024	113.91	▲ +1.31	+10.7
57 John Bean Technol	3,459	108.71	▲ +1.22	-2.8
58 Envestnet Inc	3,446	63.38	▼ -2.93	-19.5
59 Federal Signal	3,121	51.38	▲ +.23	+49.6
60 Kemper Corp	3,111	48.65	▼ -6.26	+10.0
61 TreeHouse Foods	2,987	53.25	▲ +1.03	+61.7
62 Hub Group Inc	2,473	75.40	▼ -6.72	+24.9
63 Fst Midw Bcp	2,455	21.51	– ...	
64 Equity Commonwlth	2,273	20.72	▲ +.10	-1.8
65 MYR Group	2,138	127.99	▲ +4.49	+48.6
66 Stepan Co	2,056	92.20	▼ -6.38	-9.8
67 Adtalem Global Educ	1,843	40.57	▼ -.07	+36.3
68 AAR Corp	1,831	52.78	▼ -1.47	+9.4
69 Gogo Inc	1,715	13.41	▼ -.54	-30.2
70 Huron Consulting Gp	1,628	84.79	▲ +1.47	+59.3
71 Tootsie Roll	1,622	40.88	▼ -3.44	+22.9
72 Knowles Corp	1,542	16.88	▲ +.53	-13.3
73 Methode Electronics	1,475	40.99	▼ -.79	-3.3
74 Enova Intl Inc	1,381	43.92	▼ -4.63	+21.6
75 Veradigm Inc	1,364	12.49	▼ -.21	-41.8
76 Ryerson Holding	1,339	37.77	▼ -1.06	+4.7
77 Addus HomeCare	1,324	81.74	▼ -30.73	+35.1
78 Horace Mann	1,277	31.28	▼ -.54	-19.8
79 US Cellular	1,098	21.24	▼ -.10	-28.7
80 Coeur Mining	1,092	3.40	▼ -.23	-3.9
81 Teleph Data	1,052	10.00	▼ -.28	-43.5
82 First Busey Corp	1,004	18.18	▼ -.74	-17.0
83 Distribution Solu Gr	985	46.68	▲ +2.10	+29.8
84 Sanfilipo John	931	103.95	▲ +1.64	+29.0
85 Heritage-Crystal Cln	851	34.96	▲ +.15	+26.2
86 Century Aluminum	793	8.59	▼ -.17	-57.4
87 QCR Holdings Inc	697	41.40	▲ +.35	-22.7
88 ANI Pharma	675	37.72	▼ -1.80	+23.2
89 SP Plus Corp	670	34.17	▼ -.58	+15.7
90 SunCoke Energy Inc	651	7.78	▼ -.45	-2.3
91 Titan Intl	616	9.76	▼ -.49	-32.5
92 OneSpan Inc	588	14.74	▼ -2.27	+10.9
93 Old Second Bcp	548	12.29	▼ -.57	-5.9
94 Fst Mid Bancshares	540	26.36	▲ +1.04	-27.8
95 Heidrick & Struggles	502	25.11	▼ -2.75	-20.5
96 Consolidated Commun	443	3.87	▲ +.17	-35.7
97 Acco Brands Corp	434	4.58	▼ -.26	-35.9
98 Great Lakes Dredge	380	5.73	▲ +.39	-60.4
99 Potbelly Corp	308	10.48	▲ +.34	+60.0
100 Oil-Dri Corp	216	42.38	▼ -1.79	+72.2

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	64.66	+.76	-3.6
American Funds AMCpA m	33.42	+.13	-1.8
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.85	+.21	-1.3
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.53	+.09	-.2
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	11.63	+.08	-1.5
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	55.40	+.09	+2.7
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	65.02	+.20	+.6
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	54.37	-.15	+4.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.79	+.48	+.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.42	+.36	-4.6
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.00	+.03	-1.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	44.70	+.43	+2.0
American Funds NewWldA m	71.71	+.22	+1.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	52.71	+.13	+.2
American Funds SmCpWldA m	60.06	+.09	-3.4
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	48.07	+.05	-.9
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.24	+.03	+1.7
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.38	+.24	-.7
Artisan IntlValueInstl	43.40	+.27	+12.1
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.86	+.05	-.8
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.13	+.05	-.4
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.25	+.03	-.8
Calamos MktNetrlIncIns	14.27	+.04	+2.0
Columbia DivIncIns	29.09	+.03	+.2
DFA EMktCorEqI	21.24	+.07	-2.9
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.84	+.02	+5.5
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	20.49	+.01	+5.5
DFA USCorEq1Instl	31.61	+.15	-.8
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	28.63	+.12	-.7
DFA USLgCpValInstl	41.92	+.18	-1.0
DFA USSmCpInstl	38.97	-.43	-2.0
DFA USSmCpValInstl	38.39	-.19	-2.0
DFA USTrgtedValIns	26.93	-.17	-2.3
Dodge & Cox BalI	95.67	+.18	+.5
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.53	+.07	+.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.89	+.11	+6.7
Dodge & Cox StkI	218.95	+.20	-1.3
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI x	9.01	+.06	-2.0
Edgewood GrInstl	36.61	+.13	-3.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	144.78	+1.27	-1.1
Fidelity BCGrowth	134.55	+1.48	-6.0
Fidelity Balanced	24.92	+.23	-1.0
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.27	+.03	+1.1
Fidelity Contrafund	13.72	+.24	-.7
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	16.48	+.19	-1.5
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	65.19	-.69	-8.9
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.50	+.08	-.9
Fidelity Frdm 2030	15.65	+.09	-.6
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.46	...	+3.8
Fidelity GroCo	26.52	+.15	-2.0
Fidelity GroCo	16.01	+.07	-1.3
Fidelity IntlGr	16.06	-.03	+6.7
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	45.96	-.07	+8.8
Fidelity IntlVal	10.85	-.01	+7.1
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.13	+.08	-.4
Fidelity LowPrStk	47.25	+.19	+1.1
Fidelity Magellan	11.68	+.08	-3.8
Fidelity NasdCmpIdx	154.54	+1.96	-3.9
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	15.00	+.28	-1.7
Fidelity Puritan	21.78	+.19	-2.1
Fidelity TotalBond	9.57	+.06	-1.1
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	114.59	+.68	-2.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.46	+.08	-.9
First Eagle GlbA m	62.57	+.29	+4.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	+.01	-.3
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.30	+.01	-.1
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	86.89	+.43	+2.6
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	75.15	+.68	-3.6
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	25.71	+.15	+7.4
INVESCO DevMktsY	39.15	-.11	+8.4
JPMorgan CoreBondI	10.40	+.05	-1.4
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	10.42	+.06	-1.2
JPMorgan EqIncI	22.21	-.02	-.8
JPMorgan LCapGrI	48.93	+.41	-.4
John Hancock DiscpValMCI	24.90	...	-2.0
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncI	3.86	+.01	+.6
MFS GrI	149.33	+1.47	-1.5
MFS IntlEqR6	31.99	...	+12.5
MFS ValI	47.72	-.03	+.5
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.30	+.07	-2.5
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	8.72	+.06	-2.5
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	15.70	+.06	-1.4
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How to find the courage to quit your job

By Stephanie Vozza
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Not loving your job? Dreading Monday morning? You're not alone. Only 21% of U.S. employees report feeling engaged at work, according to a Gallup poll. While a record number of people quit their jobs during the Great Resignation, not everyone could make that leap.

It takes an enormous amount of courage to quit, especially if there's nothing at the other end, says Julia Keller, author of "Quitting: A Life Strategy: The Myth of Perseverance — and How the New Science of Giving Up Can Set You Free."

Fear of quitting can become physical and even paralyzing. For example, Keller says quitting often makes her feel sick to her stomach and dizzy, and she gets a terrible headache.

"I have to lie down, like I'm getting the vapors," she jokes. "I'm told by onlookers they can't tell that; apparently, I'm able to disguise it well. But what I want to do is run around screaming in utter terror, 'What if I never get another job? What if I'm never in another relationship?' Quitting is rarely the easy thing to do."

Finding the courage

For her book, Keller spoke with more than 150 people who had quit jobs as well as belief systems. One way that many found the courage was to "quasi-quit."

"It doesn't have to be an on-off switch," she explains. "You can quit by degrees. It can be a reset dial. You get a feeling of throwing out everything, but it's safer."

For example, if you want to quit a job, you can try to change what you're doing, where you're doing it, or the industry in which you're doing it. "It's a halfway change," Keller says. "You're not changing your whole profession, going from law to medicine, for example. You might go from law to social work."

Another type of quasi-quitting is changing a belief system you hold around your job. Keller says a good example is Tiger Woods. After recovering from a serious car accident in 2021 that resulted in a shattered ankle and multiple fractures, he returned to play in The Masters in 2022. Always a ferociously competitive man, he finished 47th.

"A journalist asked him afterwards if just being able to show up and compete was a victory in his book," Keller says. "Tiger Woods said 'yes.' He quit, but what he quit wasn't the tournament or golf; it was the need to be perfect and flawless and No. 1, setting course records. It was a different kind of victory for him."

Quitting makes a line of demarcation in our lives, Keller says. "Quitting is usually reviled as showing cowardice or weakness," she says. "It's really the opposite. Quitting is what shows strength and resilience. It takes strength of character and resolve."

Quitting your way into a new life

By finding the courage to quit, you can quit your way into a new life, Keller says.

"We have to quit one thing before we can get to another thing," she says. "For example, if scientists held tight to previous beliefs, we'd still be using leeches, and we would still think that evil spirits inhabit the body each time we had the flu. We need change, and we have to let go of the old and the familiar to leap into the new."

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Quitting allows you to move forward.

"It might not right away reveal itself to be a better life, but ultimately it is," Keller says. "In all of the interviews I did for the book, only two or three people said that they regretted something they quit. Almost always the regret came from not quitting something or waiting too long to quit, and letting a situation fester and get worse."

If you're even thinking of quitting, it's important to lean into that feeling to explore where you might make changes. Just the thought of leaving a situation can feel forbidden.

"Maybe you're thinking, 'Well, it's not horrible. They don't have me in leg irons and demand that I eat bread and water for my lunch. How can I possibly quit?' " Keller says. "Even to consider quitting takes courage because you're saying there is something better on the other side of this. Make leaning into the idea of quitting part of your arsenal. It helps you become more nimble and willing to change. It's saying, 'I may be doing okay now, but I'd like to do better than just okay.' "

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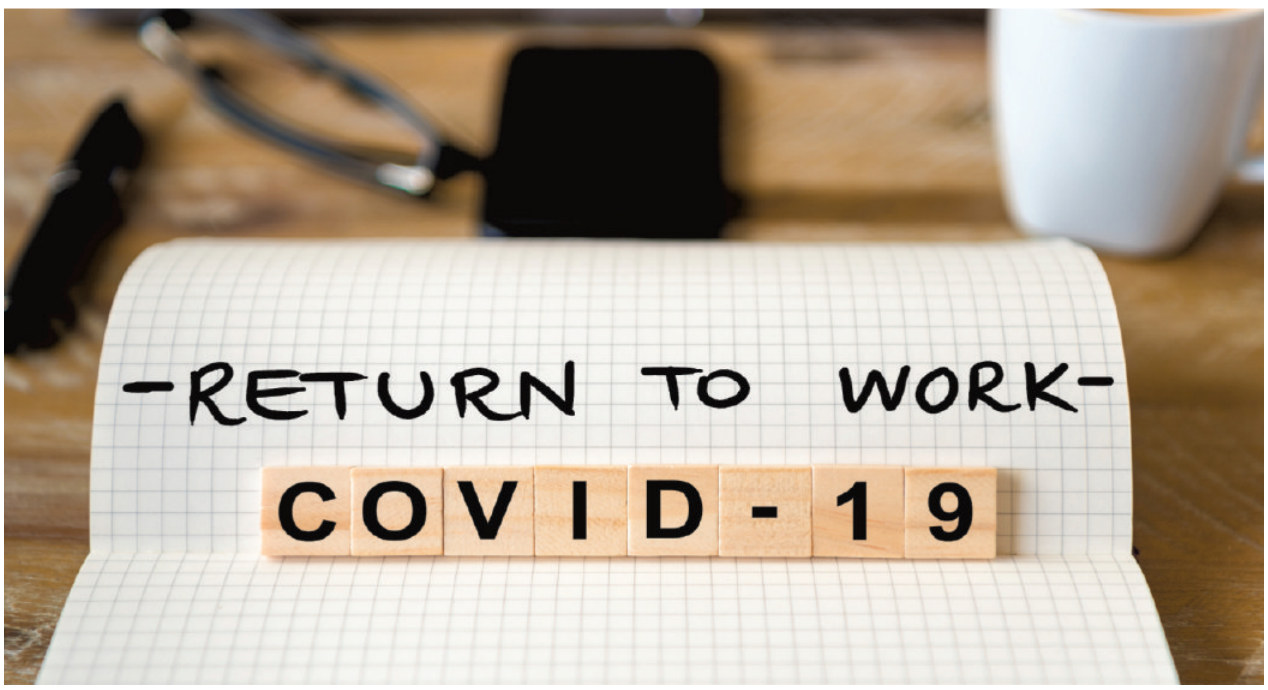
For many, the work-from-home era is over



Dreamstime

Every time you think you've read the last of the return-to-work stories, something new emerges. Maybe a CEO who was formerly generous with the company's policy on working from home has suddenly changed course and now insists that all employees must come to the office. Maybe the CFO struggles with paying for office space that no one uses and suggests to others that they again begin filling the cubicles with people. Or maybe, with time, the idea behind giving employees options on where they can work has simply run its course.

"I thought that if people were working from home at this point and the company had adopted a policy to either allow it full time or on a hybrid basis, that we would be past these company-wide announcements telling people they needed to come back to work. Now, I don't know if we will ever get to that point," says career adviser Eric Ingells, a Philadelphia-based career coach and corporate trainer. "The state of a lot of companies today is pretty perilous. Some firms are folded into existing firms and some are shut down in their current state and reopened as a new entity. Sometimes, the board of directors will bring in a new regime that has different opinions about working from home than the previous management group. Maybe someone retires and gives way to a new executive who never liked the work-from-home policy in the first place. There can be numerous reasons for a shift in what's accepted and what isn't."

As a result of these numerous possibilities, Ingells is quite sure that we will be hearing about work-from-home policies and mandated returns to the office for several years to come. "Think about how often you hear that working from home is a negotiating chip when you're looking for a new job," he says. "And that's not something like getting a better dental plan or getting tax-free deductions for public transportation; working from home changes everything. It is an absolute workplace-altering policy and at some point, companies will no longer need to give in to those candidates who insist on working from home."

When that happens, Ingells says numerous now-vacant floors and buildings will slowly regain the buzz of full-time employees at work, which will have a tremendous impact on people, transportation and local businesses. "There's certainly a work-from-home economy that's based on the products and services people use when they are working from their own space but I'm not sure it overshadows the importance of a business community that supports working adults, whether it's a bagel place across the street or a CVS location where people drop off their prescriptions on the way to work and pick them up — along with cold medicine and a Twix bar — on the way home," he says. "For several businesses, the time is right or will soon be right to snatch up spaces that have been underutilized or not utilized at all in the past three or four years."

Still, employers should be careful not to underestimate the desire of their current and future employees to work from home. "Some people are so entrenched in their current situations that it would be hard to convince them that a better title, an increase in salary or an increase in responsibilities is worth it," says Pia Yates, an HR specialist in San Jose, California, who specializes in working with older job seekers. "If we continue hiring 1099 employees at a rapid pace — and that's not going to go away because freelance workers save companies money — there won't be the big shift from the home to the office that some predict. if you're an independent contractor, you already have your setup at home. You already have a place you can make your video calls, you already have a routine that allows you to be as productive as possible and you already have that confidence in knowing that if your talent is valued, you won't need to accept an offer that requires you to be an in-house employee."

Yates says after establishing post-pandemic changes at a glacial pace, companies are starting to settle in. "The era of remaining safe from Covid, unless you have an existing condition, seems to be finished. Companies don't really mention that when they brag about their flexible work policies," she says. "Instead, what they focus on is getting the most out of their employees and giving their employees the flexibility that allows them to do the best job possible."

Two years ago, web designer Jeff Riley acknowledged that being told to go back into the office would be difficult — "I think it puts a lot of us in a tough position," said Riley in 2021. After being told he would need to return to the workplace in early 2022, Riley opted to leave his former employer and work with a new agency — one that offered various work-from-home options.

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Guess who's back: 6 tips to help you transition back to the workplace

You finally received the email you've been dreading for months or — depending on your situation — one you've been looking forward to since 2020: Time to go back to the office. Either way, it's going to be different from working from home so prepare yourself for what's ahead. Haley Perlus, Ph.D., offers the following suggestions for those returning to the workplace:

Create a routine: Establish a new routine that aligns with your work schedule, including a set time to wake up, have breakfast and get dressed. This will help you mentally prepare for the workday and maintain a sense of structure.

Don't ditch the workout: It's important not to let go of healthy habits like exercise that you developed while working from home. Exercise not only maintains overall health but also reduces stress and improves productivity.

Connect with colleagues: As you return to the office, take the opportunity to connect with colleagues and build relationships. This can help foster a sense of community and make the workplace feel more welcoming.

Start meal prepping: Meal prepping can be a game-changer when returning to the office after working from home. It helps save time, money and reduces stress by eliminating the need to decide on what to eat during the workday. Additionally, it can also promote healthier eating habits by enabling you to prepare nutritious meals in advance, ensuring you have access to healthy food options throughout the day.

Prioritize your mental health: The transition can be overwhelming, so it's important to take care of your mental health by practicing self-care and seeking support if necessary. Making time for activities like meditation, exercise, and therapy can help reduce stress and promote a healthy work-life balance.

Update your workspace: Adding plants, colorful décor, and comfortable accessories like a cozy chair or desk lamp can help create a more inviting workspace. Personalizing your work area can also boost morale and improve your overall mood and motivation while at work.

— Marco Buscaglia

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Top to bottom: Survey reveals best, least sought traits in job candidates

You might want to brush up on your interview talking points to make sure you're offering up the character traits most sought by employers — and avoiding discussing the character traits that employers don't want to deal with at all.

TopResume, a resume-writing service, asked 330 U.S. hiring managers, recruiters, and HR professionals about their preferences and red flags when interviewing job candidates to determine if employers have modified their hiring priorities since the pandemic.

When presented with a list of 21 traits, the following five were considered the most attractive in job candidates:

1. Adaptability
2. Reliability
3. Authenticity
4. Confidence
5. Honesty

When a similar study was conducted in 2019 before the pandemic, four of these same five traits made the list, though in a different order. Significantly, 'Self-Discipline' did not resurface this time around, whereas 'Adaptability' made the list for the first time — as well as catapulted to the top spot as the most impressive trait.

"Inspired by the pandemic, 'adaptability' topped the list for what employers seek most in a candidate — an ability to adjust to new challenges in the workplace — especially in a volatile hiring landscape," said Amanda Augustine, career expert and a certified professional career coach and resume writer for TopResume. "Instead of candidates stating, 'I'm adaptable,' they should let interviewers know they're equipped to handle curveballs by explaining how they brought creative solutions to the table. By providing concrete examples of ways they've successfully tackled challenges, they can demonstrate their flexibility and adaptability to the team."

On the other end of the list, hiring professionals considered the following traits the least attractive:

1. Dishonesty
2. Arrogance
3. Unreliability
4. Close-mindedness
5. Entitlement

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Being on the receiving end of that shade may be an especially tough pill to swallow, especially if your less competent co-worker does the work-related version of the independent study while you continue to pound away at the daily grind. And let's not forget the praise and goodwill your co-worker will earn for his or her work, leaving you stuck in the good-but-not-good-enough waiting list instead of being grouped with other "employees with management potential."

While it's one thing to say that you're more than capable of handling more projects on your own, it's another to prove that you're capable of the work.

But it is possible. Check out our five suggestions for asserting your independence more at the workplace:

1. Ask for more work: Want to have more autonomy? Prove you're capable of handling some independent work and check with your boss to see if he or she has any projects that you can work on? Don't ask for or expect to be handed the keys for the company's Next Big Thing, either. There's a pretty good chance your manager has a few jobs taking up space in her daily-reminder list that need to be completed. Ask for those. Start small and work your way up to the projects that you think matter, because to your boss, they all matter. If you can take a few out of his queue, you're setting yourself up for more meaningful work in the future.

2. Fight (respectfully) for what's yours: It's tough to watch others take credit for your own work. Most times, we sit in silence and seethe as a co-worker or manager takes credit for the hours we've put into a certain project. Don't let that happen. You don't need to go ballistic in the conference room to make sure others know the amount of work you put in on the newly loved project but you don't have to sit there and accept it either. There are a variety of ways to let your boss know when the work is yours, including a quick conversation with him or her, an appeal to your co-worker to give credit where it is due and of course, the all-important cc on an email. Maybe you can resend the document that kickstarted the project or one that played a key role and pose a new, possibly benign, question. Just make sure it's one that can be cc'd to a manager or boss. It's a little subversive, sure, but it's also a way to make sure that you're the person who should be properly recognized when the accolades begin to roll in.

3. Be accountable: Own up to your mistakes. Going hand-in-hand with taking credit for a successful project is taking your share of the blame when things don't go well. Smart managers know that accountable employees learn from their mistakes and do great work when given the chance.

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Bears first-round draft pick Darnell Wright is presented with his jersey at Halas Hall on Friday in Lake Forest. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BEARS NFL DRAFT

A call for character

How Wright — not Carter — became headliner of the Bears' draft class

By Dan Wiederer | Chicago Tribune

The most intense final exam of Darnell Wright's life came on a Saturday morning earlier this month.

April 8, 11 a.m., the Anderson Training Center in Knoxville, Tenn.

Wright's pre-draft journey to the NFL was almost complete. But now the Bears, who had hosted Wright at Halas Hall a few days earlier, were on campus at the University of Tennessee, intent on confirming their beliefs.

General manager Ryan Poles — with offensive line coach Chris Morgan in tow — had designs on obtaining peace of mind for the NFL draft, even if it came, temporarily, at Wright's expense.

Poles wanted to feel certain the player he was leaning toward selecting with a top-10 pick had his preferred strands of football DNA. If the Bears were going to invest in an offensive tackle to support the growth of third-year quarterback Justin Fields, Poles wanted to identify a big, athletic standout who was fueled by a nasty competitive spirit.

The 6-foot-5, 333-pound Wright made 42 starts over four seasons for the Volunteers and had plenty of video evidence from his college career to check those boxes. But less than three

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Georgia defensive lineman Jalen Carter celebrates after the Bulldogs defeated TCU 65-7 in the national championshp game Jan. 9 in Inglewood, Calif. **KEVIN C. COX/GETTY**

BEARS 2023 DRAFT PICKS

Round 1 (10): Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee
Round 2 (53): Gervon Dexter, DT, Florida
Round 2 (56): Tyrique Stevenson, CB, Miami
Round 3 (64): Zacch Pickens, DT, South Carolina
Round 4 (115): Roschon Johnson, RB, Texas
Round 4 (133): Tyler Scott, WR, Cincinnati
Round 5 (148): Noah Sewell, LB, Oregon
Round 5 (165): Terell Smith, CB, Minnesota
Round 7 (218): Travis Bell, DT, Kennesaw State
Round 7 (258): Kendall Williamson, S, Stanford

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Dexter, Pickens must do what they can to make sure Carter not missed

Brad Biggs
On the Bears

There's nothing Ryan Poles could have said about Jalen Carter on Thursday night that would have been more telling than his actions — passing on the Georgia defensive tackle in the first round.

The Bears general manager declined to talk about Carter, whom the Philadelphia Eagles selected at No. 9 with the pick Poles traded to them. Poles also didn't say he had a plan to start rebuilding the interior of the defensive line the next night.

That's what the Bears began Friday, choosing Florida's Gervon Dexter in Round 2 at No. 53 and South Carolina's Zacch Pickens to begin Round 3 at No. 64. In between, the Bears traded up five spots to No. 56 to add Miami cornerback Tyrique Stevenson.

Carter might go on to a career full of accolades in Philadelphia. Some scouts considered him the best player on tape in the draft. You can make a case that the defending NFC champions and Eagles GM Howie Roseman are shrewd operators, but their locker room has a culture on an entirely different level than the Bears' with a host of veterans and former college teammates who can aid Carter.

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40 years later, Elia tapes as enjoyable as ever — thanks to the 'Grobber'

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Holli Levine and family members went through her late brother's belongings last year shortly after his death, trying to save items that had value and toss the dumpster-ready leftovers.

Her brother was a prolific collector of sports memorabilia, so it was difficult to know what was valuable and what was worthless junk. But Levine looked inside a kitchen cabinet in the apartment and knew she had struck gold.

"Guys, you'll never guess what I just found," she said.

It was the Holy Grail of Chicago sports: a white, plastic garbage bag featuring a microphone, cassette tape recorder, cassette tape and reel-to-reel tape, all of which contributed to the famous rant about Cubs fans by former manager Lee Elia.

"It was sealed up and wrapped up and stashed in a cabinet," Levine said. "It was him saying: 'This is not going to sit out. Nobody is going to see this.' "

Levine's brother was former Chicago sports radio personality Les Grobstein (aka "The Grobber"), the keeper of the flame of the Elia tirade.

Grobstein, who died in January 2022, had the only original recordings of the famous 1983 diatribe, which has been played on hundreds of radio stations since thanks to copies made over the years. Grobstein retold the legendary story every year on his overnight show on WSCR-AM 670 and replayed parts so often his listeners knew the lines by heart.

The cassette tape featured the original recording. The reel-to-reel was the original copy made

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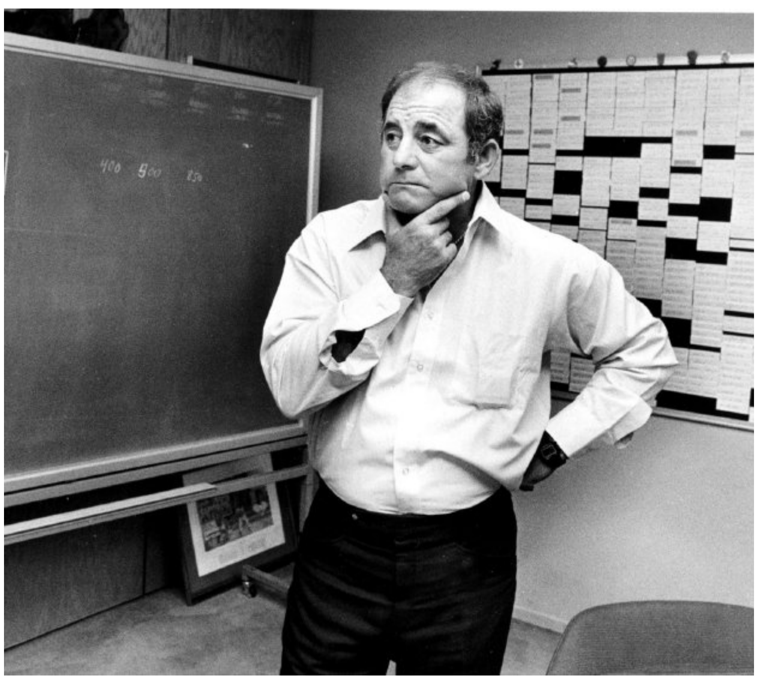
Cubs manager Lee Elia reflecting on the day's events after an evening news conference apologizing for his outburst. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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weeks before the draft, Poles wanted to learn a little more and grab one last confirmation that what his gut was telling him was on point.

For Wright, a communication studies major, the Bears' football final exam was designed specifically to strain him, to test his mental and physical limits, to wear him out.

When Wright arrived that morning, Morgan already had warned him what was coming.

"He told me straight out, 'You need to treat this like it's the Super Bowl,' " Wright said.

Over several hours the Bears flooded Wright with information, concepts from their playbook and whiteboard play designs to digest, regurgitate and teach back to Poles and Morgan — with every detail included.

Where was his aiming point supposed to be? How would he adjust if the defensive front changed? What if the linebackers moved?

The real objective was to test Wright's recall — hours later, after he had been pushed to exhaustion.

"You definitely see what you're made of a little bit," Wright said.

When the on-field workout kicked in, Morgan and Poles cranked the intensity knob to the maximum level, putting Wright through a grueling combination of offensive line drills and conditioning exercises with little time to reset or catch his breath.

They changed plays at the last second to test how quickly he would react. Morgan made him do old-school series of up-downs.

"He kicked my ass, if we're being honest," Wright said. "He wanted to see what I was made of."

"We brought him into deep water to see if he could swim or not," Poles said.

Wright continued grinding. Morgan kept pushing.

"He was trying to make me tap out," Wright said.

Wright, though, was handling it all, with Poles hardly able to contain his excitement.

"We just would trigger and trigger and trigger," the GM said. "We got him exhausted and the kid had no (quit) in him.

"His body language was excellent. He stayed aggressive. He finished."

This, Poles thought to himself, was the attitude he wanted to see.

Twenty-four days earlier Poles was 235 miles down the road in the SEC at the University of Georgia's pro day, where a deeper assessment of All-America defensive tackle Jalen Carter ended with disappointment.

Carter, who already had been through a turbulent personal stretch during the pre-draft process, showed up overweight and quickly ran out of breath. His fuel light came on early during on-field drills. And because of cramping and fatigue, he eventually cut his workout short.

Poles, coach Matt Eberflus and defensive coordinator Alan Williams were among the Bears representatives to witness that, leaving Athens, Ga., with elevated concerns about how a job candidate could bungle an audition so badly. Carter seemed like a student who had forgotten to study for a test.

As the draft closed in, Poles' instincts, coupled with detailed internal discussions the Bears had in setting their draft board, kept telling him Wright was the player the organization needed.

When the Bears finally picked Wright on Thursday night — after passing on the chance to draft Carter and trading down one spot to No. 10 — Poles couldn't have felt more satisfied, confident he had landed a difference-making starter who potentially could anchor the offensive line into the 2030s.

"He's a tone-setter," Poles said. "He plays with an edge to him, which we love and want more of."

Draft drama

What seemed mostly like a made-for-social-media hypothetical became made-for-reality-TV drama at 8:12 p.m. on Thursday, when the Bears went on the clock with the No. 9 pick and Carter still available.

How would Poles respond with his first first-round pick as an NFL GM?

Talent-wise, Carter is an undeniable beast, a massive defensive lineman with elite athleticism and game-wrecking explosion. He would have filled a major need in Eberflus' defense, arriving as an immediate starter for the Bears at the three-technique defensive tackle position. He could become a perennial All-Pro.

When the college football season ended, Carter was grinning ear to ear at SoFi Stadium and holding up a special edition of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that proclaimed his Georgia Bulldogs as "PERFECT!" after a 65-7 destruction of TCU for the national title. There was a sense Carter's encore could include a rise to becoming the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

But for Carter, the 15 weeks between that triumph and Round 1 on Thursday night was complicated. Which is why, inside the draft room on the second floor at Halas Hall, Bears assistant GM Ian Cunningham was speaking volumes about the team's final evaluation of Carter during a phone call with his former boss in Philadelphia.

Eagles GM Howie Roseman called to offer a fourth-round pick in 2024 to jump past the Bears in the draft line to No. 9.

Cunningham, with Poles' eager approval, agreed. The Bears traded down one spot, allowing the Eagles to claim Carter.

Bears general manager Ryan Poles, left, and coach Matt Eberflus speak to the media during an end-of-the-season news conference at Halas Hall on Jan. 10. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"We wanted to come out with an impact player," Roseman said. "And we feel like Jalen can be an impact player for us."

That's a surface-level simplification of how the reigning NFC champions landed a player widely regarded as one of the top two or three talents in this class for the low price of a future Round 4 pick.

The trade and the Eagles' willingness to gamble also stimulated discussions in two cities on when the time is right to make such a move.

Roseman, with 15 years of experience at the top of the Eagles front office, has a team that played in the Super Bowl less than three months ago and a talent-filled roster that affords him the chance to take a few high-profile risks. He also won a Lombardi Trophy five years ago.

The Eagles, many believe, have the stability to absorb a player with character concerns such as Carter.

The Bears? They lost an NFL-worst 14 games last season, including their final 10 in the first year of the Poles-Eberflus regime. Their roster is still, in Poles' own words, "young and impressionable." And in order to climb from the bottom of the conference toward the top, the Bears need to find a handful of sure — or, more exactly, surer — things.

The selection of Wright over Carter felt like a move to solidify a higher floor rather than shooting for a planetary ceiling.

For a young and developing GM such as Poles, who has talked openly about the pressure swirling this offseason and the anxiety he has felt, the Round 1 selection allows him to put his head on the pillow with more relaxation than unease.

Predictably, Poles was hesitant to share much about the Bears' evaluation of Carter, steering around three questions on the topic.

"I won't comment specifically on him," Poles said. "But character's always going to be important for us."

His more telling thoughts came a month earlier at the owners meetings in Arizona.

"It's (about) making sure we continue to bring a good core group in," Poles said then as he explained the complicated factors with Carter's evaluation. "That's important.

"I think maybe down the road, where maybe you want to take a risk like that, the locker room begins to run itself and you can take those chances.

"Right now we need both. We need talent. At the same time, I'm still going to be a little bit cautious of bringing in the wrong type of person."

Tragic twist

In the world of NFL scouting, certain things stick with evaluators, from lower-level foot soldiers to front-office executives.

Clutch plays in big games. Leadership traits that enliven a program. Firsthand intel on personality flaws. Details of off-field transgressions.

For some, images from a fatal car accident in Athens, Ga., on Jan. 15 proved significantly unsettling with a 5,000-pound Ford Expedition crumpled like a ball of tinfoil.

The driver and one passenger from that vehicle — 24-year-old Chandler LeCroy and 20-year-old Devin Willock — died in a one-car wreck that occurred around 3 a.m., hours after the Georgia football team held a parade and national championship ceremony. LeCroy was a recruiting staffer for the Bulldogs. Willock was a sophomore offensive lineman.

Both were out that night in a group that included Carter, who, it later turned out, was connected to the tragedy. He was driving at high speeds alongside the SUV LeCroy was driving.

The two vehicles, according to a statement from Athens police, "switched between lanes, drove in the center turn lane, drove in opposite lanes of travel, overtook other motorists and drove at high rates of speed in an apparent attempt to outdistance each other."

At some point the Expedition struck a curb, left the road and collided with two utility poles and multiple trees before slamming into an apartment building. Willock was dead at the scene. LeCroy was pronounced dead shortly after at a hospital.

Carter was charged with misdemeanor counts of racing and reckless driving, eventually pleading no contest to both.

The legal ramifications were minimal. Carter was ordered, according to his attorney, to pay a $1,000 fine and perform 80 hours of community service while sentenced to 12 months of probation.

Still, for some NFL teams, the tragedy heightened the need to learn more about Carter's wiring and judgment.

Notes already were being scrawled in the margins of Carter's profile about potential issues with maturity, accountability and drive last season. Talent evaluators felt compelled to dig deeper. One league source described "repetitive behavior" from Carter that potentially spoke to a lack of dependability and accountability.

Such red flags can lower the risk tolerance for teams like the Bears, who still are working to solidify their culture and chemistry. The Eagles, by contrast, feel firmer ground beneath their feet and have a larger margin for error with high-profile decisions.

Risk-reward

Roseman believes the Eagles will be able to absorb Carter's arrival thanks in part to a strong support staff plus two former Georgia teammates and friends on the roster — linebacker Nakobe Dean and defensive tackle Jordan Davis.

The Eagles also might have gotten a gift when Georgia edge rusher Nolan Smith fell to No. 30, creating an immediate reunion with Carter in Philadelphia.

For those who were disappointed by Carter's pro day workout in March, some who attended that session believe the Georgia star would have fizzled out even earlier had Smith not been there, by his side and in his ear, cooling him down with water and prodding him to keep going.

"I felt conditioned," Carter told reporters in Philadelphia on Thursday night. "But I guess I wasn't."

While Poles will likely remain hesitant to reveal specifics of the Bears' final evaluation on Carter, it's easy to understand why they were one of eight teams to pass on Carter. Most notably, the Seattle Seahawks chose Illinois cornerback Devon Witherspoon at No. 5. One pick later, the Detroit Lions traded out of the No. 6 spot rather than rolling the dice on Carter.

Even Roseman acknowledged the Eagles' decision wasn't risk-free.

"We understand there's a reason he was available," he said, before immediately pivoting to the reason they pounced. "Everyone will tell you this is one of the most talented players in the draft. He's one of the most talented players to come out of college football in a long time."

With the unrelenting pressure to win championships, that level of elite talent can persuade some organizations to look past potential problem areas more comfortably.

"Nobody's hiding from the fact that a tragic event happened," Roseman said. "We'll do our very best to make sure (our) players develop every skill set they'll need to be successful."

Carter is now the Eagles' prize and project.

Highs and lows

As the Bears were developing their final evaluation of Carter, Poles' bond with Wright continued to grow. The Bears had the massive tackle on their radar for some time, drawn to Wright's physicality, sturdiness and light feet.

Poles' studies instilled confidence in Wright's ability to "anchor" up, with the strength and sturdiness to string together successful reps even when his technique isn't perfect or he misses with his hands.

"You can win when you're wrong," Poles said. "When you're up close to him, you can feel the power, you can feel the size, the anchor when guys try to really press on him."

Sam Summerville, a senior national scout for the Bears, was inside Neyland Stadium on Oct. 15 when the Volunteers hosted top-ranked Alabama. That evening provided a big test for Wright, who drew the assignment of containing Crimson Tide star Will Anderson without much help.

Tennessee coach Josh Heupel had little trepidation turning Wright loose for the marquee matchup.

"The best thing as a coach," Heupel said, "is when you have comfort where you feel like you have that luxury to put him on an island. You don't have to protect him and he's going to handle what is probably the biggest factor on the opposing side of the field."

Anderson was a total nonfactor in the game and has admitted as much, singling out Wright as the best tackle he faced last season. That battle provided a decisive win for Wright and an even more momentous victory for Tennessee, which rolled up 567 yards in a 52-49 upset.

That win was part of an 8-0 start that propelled the Volunteers to No. 1 in the College Football Playoff rankings, a feat that would have seemed unfathomable 21 months earlier when the program was engulfed by an NCAA investigation centering around a high volume of major recruiting violations.

Coach Jeremy Pruitt was fired. Athletic director Philip Fulmer, who had coached the Vols from 1992-2008, hurried into retirement. Players began leaving the program in droves.

Uneasiness was a prevalent emotion.

"It feels like the NCAA is about to put you in jail," Wright said.

Wright acknowledged there were times when "it felt like the whole house was crumbling on itself."

"There was a certain point where there weren't even coaches in the building," he said. "We just had to keep the main thing the main thing. I was going in there working out by myself, just trying to handle my business as a professional."

Still, as impressive as Wright's power and athleticism were, his resilience and willingness to persevere through hard times also resonated.

In an era when the NCAA transfer portal becomes a convenient train station with hourly journeys away from uncertainty and stress, Wright stayed put, explaining the bonds he made with teammates meant a lot to him.

"I felt like there was no reason for me to leave," he said. "(I said), 'I can be my best here. I can do my best here.' "

Added Heupel: "That shows how he cares about the place he's at. And it also shows he cares about the guys he is in the locker room with."

'I flip that switch'

As Tennessee students tore down the goal posts and took them into the Knoxville night after the win over Alabama, Summerville knew Wright had delivered a signature performance in a statement win. Easy to see, easy to sell.

But he also noted the performance wasn't an outlier from the right tackle, who had been consistently sturdy and frequently dominant throughout his final two seasons in the SEC.

Heupel was impressed by how Wright continually grew, transforming from "a very young football player" in terms of his fundamentals and football IQ in early 2021 into one of the best players in the nation's most demanding conference by the end of last season.

"He is somebody who gained great confidence *in* his work habits and *through* his work habits," Heupel said, "and that allowed him to refine his play."

For the Bears, the tenacity and toughness Wright displayed last fall — and throughout the pre-draft process — seems to make him a perfect match for the supportive but demanding coaching style of Morgan, who will be his day-to-day overseer.

The two already seem to have meshed.

Said Poles: "You can feel it when you're around certain people. There's a connection there. That happened pretty quickly (with them), which is cool."

Morgan and the Bears plan to nurture Wright but not baby him, and they have unbridled optimism for what he can become after he's given a detailed developmental blueprint.

Like they did during that final exam in Knoxville, the Bears will press Wright and push him, demanding he bring the best out of himself.

Wright says he's all in and understands the investment the Bears made creates an obligation for him to be a dependable bodyguard for Fields.

"It's my job to keep him clean," Wright said.

As for that workout earlier this month? Wright said if he had been pushed to endure all of that only to have the Bears pass on him, he would have been aggravated.

"Oh, my god," he said. "I would have called C-Mo on the spot."

Instead, it was Morgan and the Bears calling him Thursday night to open the door for his NFL dreams. And Wright is eager to walk through them with a nasty attitude.

"There's a certain switch you flip when it's time to play," he said. "And, yeah, I flip that switch."

He thought about all that's ahead.

"When it's time to rock and roll ..."

Wright's grin said the rest.

DAY 3 BEARS DRAFT PICKS

ROUND 4, NO. 115: ROSCHON JOHNSON, RB, TEXAS
Height, weight: 6-0, 219
Why the Bears drafted him
The backup to No. 8 pick Bijan Robinson, Johnson had 392 carries for 2,190 yards and 23 touchdowns and 56 catches for 420 yards and three touchdowns over four seasons at Texas. He's a hard-nosed running back who has the ability to break tackles and a proud pass protector and strong special teams player. Bears scout John Syty raved about Johnson's leadership and makeup, saying he is "wired differently." Johnson is a converted high school quarterback with high intelligence — and lower mileage because he moved to running back late in his career.
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
The Bears already have two running backs in Khalil Herbert and 2023 free-agent addition D'Onta Foreman, but they were enticed enough by Johnson to add him to the room. He was primarily a backup at Texas and was The Athletic's seventh-ranked running back.
In his own words
"I never really viewed myself as like a backup. Regardless of who was getting the carries, I tried to prepare myself as if I was the starter. I didn't really let the perspective of me being a backup have an effect on me. Just kind of take it day to day and try to increase my role on the team, whether that was on special teams behind Bijan or at running back. I kind of flipped my perspective, and I think it paid off."

ROUND 4, NO. 133: TYLER SCOTT, WR, CINCINNATI
Height, weight: 5-10, 177
Why the Bears drafted him
Scott can really move as he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.44 seconds at the combine, and his vertical jump was 39½ inches. The Bears can lean into production from Scott, too, as he was a two-year starter for the Bearcats, leading them with 54 catches for 899 yards (16.6 average) and nine touchdowns. Here's what really jumps out: 10 of his 14 career touchdowns were for 30 or more yards, so he has big play written all over him. The Bears struggled to get production out of speedy third-round pick Velus Jones Jr. a year ago — and this looks like a draft pick that acknowledges as much.
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
Some thought Scott could be drafted in the back half of Round 2 or Round 3, but he remained on the board into Day 3. That's probably in part due to a glut of similarly skilled receivers — smaller guys who run well. If Scott is more concerned about opportunities for playing time, he's probably in the right spot because if he plays well, the Bears will find ways to use him.
In his own words
"I (heard) quite a bit in this process of me being a raw receiver. You know, basically me being someone who is not necessarily the most technical but someone who is still learning the position. That's a positive as well as knowing that I still have a lot to learn to improve. Actually as far as my abilities and how high they go? The sky's the limit. It's cliche but it really is."

ROUND 5, NO. 148: NOAH SEWELL, LB, OREGON
Height, weight: 6-1, 246
Why the Bears drafted him
Scout Reese Hicks said Sewell is an instinctual player who runs well for his size, is a good tackler and is physical. He added Sewell has good ball skills in coverage and can blitz. "He's got a good arsenal, rushes hard to the ball, good close," Hicks said. Sewell, the younger brother of Detroit Lions offensive tackle Penei Sewell, played three seasons at Oregon, totaling 215 tackles, 20½ tackles for a loss, 7½ sacks, two interceptions, 11 passes defended and three forced fumbles. He was second-team All-Pac 12 in 2022. Hicks said Sewell didn't play much on special teams in college but has the skill set to do so.
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
The Bears are stocked with linebackers after they signed free agents Tremaine Edmunds and T.J. Edwards to go with second-year player Jack Sanborn. Sewell was The Athletic's 12th-ranked linebacker, and Brugler was among the analysts to question his speed, range and reactionary quickness.
In his own words
"A person who gives it his all. No matter what the situation is, I'll do everything I possibly can to make the situation better." — *Sewell on the type of player the Bears are getting*

Texas running back Roschon Johnson (2) stiff-arms Oklahoma linebacker Danny Stutsman. **JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP**

Cincinnati wide receiver Tyler Scott runs for a touchdown against East Carolina on Nov. 11 in Cincinnati. **JEFF DEAN/AP**

Oregon linebacker Noah Sewell reacts against California in Berkeley, Calif. on Oct. 29. **GODOFREDO A. VÁSQUEZ/AP**

Minnesota defensive back Terell Smith during a game on Sept. 1 in Minneapolis. **ANDY CLAYTON-KING/AP**

ROUND 5, NO. 165: TERELL SMITH, CB, MINNESOTA
Height, weight: 6-1, 204
Why the Bears drafted him
Even after the addition of Miami's Tyrique Stevenson in the second round Friday, the Bears have a shortage of cornerbacks. Smith gives them another good-sized cover man who can really move. He was timed in the 40-yard dash at 4.41 seconds and had an impressive 4.3 in the short shuttle. Smith is coming off his best season in his fifth year in the Gophers program. He had an atypical college experience as he played in 11 games (nine starts) as a freshman in 2018. Smith was named the team's most outstanding defensive freshman and led the defense with eight pass breakups. His playing time dwindled a little the next three years because of nagging injuries and inconsistency before he bounced back to start 13 games last fall.
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
Smith lacked a ton of on-the-ball production. In 48 college games, he had four interceptions and 20 pass deflections. As a fifth-year senior, some teams probably were seeking younger players. But the Bears feel like he's still ascending.
In his own words
"I would say as a player I bring physicality. I'm a physical corner. I'm going to set the tone. I'm going to do my job and I'm going to be disciplined. Off the field, I'm just a mature young man. I'm very disciplined on and off the field. You're getting a high-character guy."

ROUND 7, NO. 218: TRAVIS BELL, DT, KENNESAW STATE
Height, weight: 6-0, 310
Why the Bears drafted him
Bell is another hybrid defensive lineman capable of playing nose tackle or three-technique. He prides himself on his athleticism, physicality and ability to penetrate but is proudest of his motor, describing himself as "self-driven" and "nasty" with "a work ethic out the roof."
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
Bell — the first Kennesaw State player to be drafted since the program started in 2015 — was a final-round flier by the Bears, a relatively obscure prospect who wasn't invited to the scouting combine and didn't play in any showcase games this offseason. He was readying for the possibility that he might go undrafted and be forced to fight for a chance as an undrafted free agent.
In his own words
"When I got that call, my heart dropped, man. I didn't do nothing but start crying. I had to clean my face to talk to you guys (over Zoom). It was an exciting moment. … I was surprised. Things were starting to look ugly toward the end. I was really worried about getting a call after the draft, honestly. Once I got that call (from the Bears), I was excited, man. I couldn't hold it back."

ROUND 7, NO. 258: KENDALL WILLIAMSON, S, STANFORD
Height, weight: 6-0, 203
Why the Bears drafted him
Williamson will get a chance to win a roster spot as a depth piece in the secondary. He's a tough and willing tackler who has shown strength in run support. He has good instincts and plays with the intensity Bears coach Matt Eberflus likes.
Why he wasn't drafted sooner
Williamson needs development and will have to show an increased ability to make plays in coverage at the next level. He has acknowledged his need to improve his vision and understanding of angles.
In his own words
"I am going to show that I can come in and be a player who can make an impact in whatever way possible immediately. That's my main goal coming in."

— Brad Biggs, Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer

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Picking Tennessee offensive tackle Darnell Wright, who figures to get a first crack at right tackle, can be viewed as a risk-averse move at No. 10, a player with an established floor who the organization believes has high upside. The Bears raved about Wright being a tone-setter and having some nastiness to his game while being a quick learner, pluses for offensive line coach Chris Morgan.

Wright is a fit for the outside-zone scheme because of his athletic ability and provides help for quarterback Justin Fields, a clear franchise initiative this offseason. Those are all good things, but he does nothing to help a run defense that was 31st in the NFL (157.3 yards per game), allowing a team-record 2,674 yards, or a pass rush that was 32nd with only 20 sacks.

That's where the focus turned on Day 2 to beef up a defensive front that has more placeholders than anything. Enter Dexter and Pickens, who should compete for playing time immediately and improve the pass rush and run defense.

The Stevenson pick is intriguing from the standpoint the Bears gave the Jacksonville Jaguars their fifth-round pick at No. 136 to move up only five spots and get Stevenson, a pretty high price. That signals the Bears were fearful someone was about to grab him and lets you know he will be put in a position to battle for a starting role immediately.

But back to the defensive line, on which the Bears did not get a lot done in free agency. The biggest additions in March were end DeMarcus Walker and nose tackle Andrew Billings.

Walker is on his fourth team coming off a career-high 7 ½ sacks for the Tennessee Titans last season as a situational player, getting 37% of the playing time. Billings is also on his fourth team and logged 52% of the playing time for the Las Vegas Raiders last season, more of a regular player considering he's a two-down defender.

Billings could be a sneaky-good addition and figures to be the nose tackle in the base scheme. That leaves Dexter and Pickens opportunities to compete for playing time with veteran Justin Jones. Both are high-end trait prospects from the SEC, and Poles and his staff essentially are telling the coaching staff: "Here are a couple of players with a ton of physical tools. Make them into reliable pro players with upside."

Dexter and Pickens went on Day 2 because they're splash players — guys with juice off the snap. They make highlight moves, then you keep watching tape and you're waiting and waiting to see the next one. It's not consistent football.

At the core, this is what the draft is when you get out of Round 1. Teams are drafting players with traits, upside and experience in major programs and trying to see who develops.

If the Bears can turn one or both of these tackles into consistent players, Day 2 can be viewed as a success and there won't be worries about what Carter is doing in Philadelphia, especially if Wright is a foundational piece for the offensive line.

Florida defensive lineman Gervon Dexter Sr. sets up for a play during a game against Eastern Washington on Oct. 2. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP**

Poles wants Dexter and Pickens to be interchangeable, calling them "hybrid" defensive tackles.

When the opening wave of free agency concluded and the Bears' big signings were linebackers Tremaine Edmunds and T.J. Edwards and guard Nate Davis, I asked Poles how realistic it was to make major improvements to the defensive line — tackles and edge rushers. It was a glaring area. He said with more to come in free agency and the draft, there was reason for confidence. But …

"There are going to be some weak spots on our roster," Poles said March 16. "We can't fix everything, but we are going to stay flexible to do the best we can to get better."

This is offered as a reminder a weak spot remains at defensive end, a position the Bears didn't address with any of their 10 draft picks. Maybe Poles was eyeing a potential trade up early in Round 2 that didn't materialize. Three of the first seven picks in the round were traded. Edge rushers Derick Hall (Auburn), Isaiah Foskey (Notre Dame) and B.J. Ojulari (LSU) were selected in a span of five picks from Nos. 37 to 41.

If Walker is the starter at one end, pick among Trevis Gipson, Dominique Robinson, Rasheem Green and Terrell Lewis for the other. Maybe they will sign a veteran to a one-year deal in the coming weeks. But the rookie tackles should aid the pass rush.

"I think we got better," Poles said. "This rotation of guys on the inside, to penetrate but also to dent the pocket and create shorter edges on the outside for our D-ends, should help them.

"We're younger, more athletic, faster. … We're heading in the right direction. We've got to see it in action and let it play out."

It's instructive to remember Poles said six weeks ago there would be holes on the roster when the season begins. The Bears needed a cornerback and got one in Stevenson, who is physical and can play press man and zone coverage. They took a shot on two tackles, and Matt Eberflus has called the three-technique the engine that makes his defense go.

It has been a long while since the Bears really hit on defensive linemen in the draft. Nose tackle Eddie Goldman, a second-rounder in 2015, was very good through his rookie contract. Turning traits and athletic skill into production would be a big step for Poles and Eberflus.

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by a WLS-AM 890 sound engineer, who put in bleeps for the dozens of F-bombs and other profanities Elia used in order to get it on the air.

Levine immediately realized the importance of her discovery. It was almost as if Al Capone's vault had been opened, except this time all the goods were still inside.

Other than the rare championship moments, the Elia tirade stands out as one of the biggest single events in Cubs history, alongside the "Called Shot" home run by Babe Ruth, the so-called "Bartman game," the "Homer in the Gloamin' " and Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game.

It's such an iconic moment that Nisei Lounge, a Wrigleyville bar, holds a Lee Elia Day every April 29. Former White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko also was obsessed with the incident, including knowing most of the lines.

"Paulie had wanted to buy the microphone," Levine said.

Grobstein's only child, Scott Grobstein, inherited his father's belongings, including all the memorabilia. Scott said he had it for a year and "celebrated" the tapes, but mostly the stuff just sat in his basement. So he eventually decided to auction off most of his father's items online at liveauctioneers.com. The microphone, recorder and tapes of the Elia rant sold for $1,800 on April 1.

"The 40th anniversary of the tirade gave me a little bit of (an idea) maybe this would be a good time to move it forward," said Scott, a 43-year-old suburban high school teacher. "Originally Konerko was very interested in it and I tried to pursue that. Recently A.J. Pierzynski has expressed interest in it."

Why not keep the tapes and sell the rest?

"It was just kind of time," he said. "Was it closure? I don't know. Is there a part of me that had mixed feelings? Absolutely."

Scott Grobstein declined to reveal the name of the buyer or speculate on the buyer's intent.

"I'm hoping it's used for the right reasons," he said. "And I'm guessing it was a collector because there is such a niche for these things."

Whether the items will appreciate in value over time is debatable. The audio version doesn't sound much different from the thousands of copies made of the rant since 1983. And while Les Grobstein was well-known locally, he probably wasn't famous enough to make his microphone a must-have item for sports collectors.

But who knows? It's a weird business.

Scott Grobstein said Saturday's Lee Elia Day likely would be "bittersweet," knowing what the tapes meant to his father. But to the average Cubs fan, the mere mention of the Elia tape always brings a knowing nod and smile.

Elia was an otherwise forgettable person in Cubs history, but the rant was a Chicago sports oddity that continues to fascinate 40 years later for a few simple reasons.

Biting the hand that fed him — then chewing it up and spitting it out and biting the other one — is Elia's legacy. And it wasn't just any manager ripping his fan base. The fact Elia was ripping 1980s Cubs fans, who were considered lemmings by much of America for perpetually supporting a losing team, makes the moment even more nostalgic.

There have been Cubs managers as bad or worse than Elia since 1983 but none that publicly called the fans "c—————" or "m——————" after a tough loss. Most try to ingratiate themselves with the fan base from the introductory news conference on, calling them the greatest fans in the world.

Even though Elia apologized for his remarks afterward, no one really believed him. And there was no accountability from Tribune Co., then the team's owner. General manager Dallas Green, a product of baseball's "old boys network" that continually put friends in managerial, coaching and front-office positions no matter their lack of credentials, didn't bother to fire his pal until many months later and for a different reason.

Anyway, as we celebrated Lee Elia Day on the 40th anniversary of the rant, we also should thank Elia for putting our sports-addicted lives in perspective.

Bad teams come and go here, but we keep watching, hoping things will change. You can't "quiet quit" a team in Chicago because no one is quietly accepting a losing season.

And whenever we see a team "mired in a little difficulty," we think of what Elia said and chuckle.

RAYS 12, WHITE SOX 3

Sox might be facing do-or-die week

Paul Sullivan

One minute Lance Lynn was throwing a no-hitter in the seventh inning against the best team in baseball, trying to end a nine-game Chicago White Sox losing streak.

But the Sox went from no-no to "Oh, no" in the blink of an eye, imploding in a stunning 12-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays before 28,462 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Lynn and relievers Aaron Bummer and Jimmy Lambert combined to give up 10 runs on nine hits in the wild seventh, extending the losing streak to 10 games, the Sox's longest since 2013.

The Sox fell to 7-21, their worst start to a season since 1948, and are tied with the Kansas City Royals at the bottom of the American League Central. They're 0-6 against the Rays, who hit five home runs in the final three innings and improved to a major-league-best 23-5.

"I don't go back and look at history and look at what other teams have done," manager Pedro Grifol said. "I'm sure it's been done before. Teams feel like the sky is falling on top of them, and all of a sudden they catch a break here and there and they're off and running. I don't feel this is over by any means."

As the pounding continued, chants of "Sell the team" echoed throughout the ballpark.

Making the day a complete disaster, Luis Robert was pulled in the second inning for not running hard on a grounder to the pitcher in the first. Grifol called it a "mental lapse" that needed to be addressed.

Robert said he "played conservative" with a sore left hamstring, and his mistake was not telling Grifol about it beforehand. He said he told Eloy Jiménez and Elvis Andrus, and one of them told Grifol after the first.

"I knew if I said something to him, he probably wouldn't let me play," Robert said.

Robert didn't seem to understand the gravity of his benching, smiling as he answered questions about Grifol's decision.

"Yes, I understand the decision he made because he didn't know," Robert said. "People that didn't know what was going on, you could think it was a lack of effort on my part. People that know me, they know I'm always doing my best and running hard down the line."

White Sox starter Lance Lynn delivers a pitch in the first inning of Saturday's game against the Rays at Guaranteed Rate Field. **QUINN HARRIS/GETTY**

The Sox season, already on the brink, could be all but over by the end of the current homestand if they don't turn things around quickly.

At least Lynn came out of hibernation before Wander Franco's leadoff home run in the seventh began the 10-run outburst. Grifol called Lynn "phenomenal."

"I'm back to being me," Lynn said. "I need to build off tonight."

But then it all fell apart as the Rays wound up sending 14 batters to the plate in the seventh.

Lynn said he wasn't thinking about a no-hitter in the seventh.

"I had a no-hitter?" he said.

Really? You didn't know?

"I know I had a loss, so that doesn't (bleeping) matter," said Lynn, who dropped to 0-4 with a 7.16 ERA in seven starts.

Sox pitchers posted a 6.01 ERA over the first nine games of the losing streak, and the staff's 5.65 ERA in April was on an early pace to surpass the franchise-worst mark of 5.41 in 1934.

It has been so comical of late that Sox radio analyst Darrin Jackson referred to a play Friday as "definitely Little League" during the WMVP-AM 1000 broadcast. The Rays scored on a pop-up when a runner on first tagged up after seeing no one covering second. The Sox then ignored the runner on third, who tagged up and came home. Even Little Leaguers might have been offended by the comparison.

Grifol was visibly annoyed by the mental mistake after Friday's game, most of which he watched from his office after being thrown out of his second straight game by the same umpire, Marvin Hudson.

So what can Grifol do?

Before Saturday's game I asked if he believed in having team meetings this early in the season.

"Do you know if we have had some or not?" he replied.

Um, no.

"I believe in anything that helps us get back to where we need to get back to," he continued. "Those are things I'll just keep in house. Things that we do in there, we just keep in there."

Sounds like a "yes." Or maybe a "Stay out of Sox business"?

At least the Sox couldn't be accused of quitting under Grifol — that is before Robert stopped running Saturday.

Grifol said it was not a "common occurrence" and that Robert is a "hard worker."

"I just spoke to him and told him we have to run hard down the line, that's it," Grifol said.

But the collapse, the losing streak and Robert's lack of hustle can't be ignored by Sox fans who have thrown their hands in the air and given up on the season.

When a team that supposedly has as much talent as the Sox starts out this poorly, it doesn't reflect well on the manager. Fortunately for Grifol, general manager Rick Hahn absolved him and his coaching staff of any blame Thursday during his "Put it on me" pronouncement.

Sox fans are more than willing to put it on Hahn — and executive vice president Ken Williams. Still, it's Grifol's job to get the current roster out of the skid, and he repeated Saturday that injuries are no excuse.

If they don't recover, it will be Hahn's job to start the fire sale. With the division-leading Minnesota Twins nine games ahead of the Sox and coming to town Tuesday, it could be a do-or-die week.

"Everyone's trying, but trying doesn't get the job done," starter Lucas Giolito said after Friday's loss. "We've got to do it. We're not, so it's frustrating. The other thing I don't want is guys to get so frustrated that we're going into at-bats tight or we're playing defense tight or we're pitching tight.

"When we're going good, we're relaxed, we're having fun. It's hard to do that when you're losing."

This week the Sox ended a 25-inning scoreless streak. The worst Sox team in the last 70 years might have been the 1948 edition that started 7-24 to fall 15½ games out of first by May 29. They beat Hall of Fame-bound Cleveland ace Bob Feller on May 30 in the first game of a doubleheader, ending a 28-inning scoreless streak.

That's White Sox symmetry in a nutshell.

MARLINS 7, CUBS 6

Kilian makes MLB season debut in loss

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — Caleb Kilian's first taste of the big leagues didn't play out as the right-hander hoped.

Kilian allowed 13 earned runs in 11 ⅓ innings over three starts for the Cubs in June. A left knee issue bothered him the rest of the season at Triple-A Iowa, where he posted a 5.37 ERA in his final 16 starts. Healthy entering big-league camp this spring, Kilian showed the type of stuff that made him the Cubs' top pitching prospect last season.

Kilian, 25, got another major-league chance Saturday when the Cubs recalled him to start against the Miami Marlins. He gave up five runs in a 40-pitch first inning and exited with seven runs allowed on 10 hits in 3 ⅓ innings with four strikeouts and two walks in a 7-6 Cubs loss.

"He's always been a confident guy," vice president of player development Jared Banner said Friday. "His delivery is in a really good place and stuff's in a really good place, and that's a good combination."

In his last two outings at Iowa Kilian surrendered one run in nine innings with three walks and five strikeouts.

"Having him come up to the big leagues last year and face some adversity and have to go back to the drawing board a bit," Banner said, "and seeing his focus and his desire to get better and make certain corrections that he deemed necessary to put himself back in position to potentially have success again, it's been extraordinary to watch. Excited about his future."

Thanks to the Cubs' bullpen usage in Friday's 3-2 walk-off loss to the Marlins, they had plenty of relief options behind Kilian.

Manager David Ross stated postgame Friday that the Cubs were "a little short" in the pen. Jeremiah Estrada went 1 ⅔ innings, Julian Merryweather two innings and Adbert Alzolay one inning after Kilian exited.

Cubs starter Caleb Kilian pitches during the first inning against the Marlins on Saturday in Miami. **MARTA LAVANDIER/AP**

Crow-Armstrong and Caissie start strong: Pete Crow-Armstrong's rise in the minor-league prospect rankings remains full steam ahead.

Crow-Armstrong, the Cubs' top prospect and a consensus top-30 player in the minors, owns a .306/.340/.551 slash line at Double A, where he is playing for the first time in his professional career. The 21-year-old center fielder's defense remains a standout part of his game, and he has shown he can be a menace on the bases.

"He can really wreak havoc on a baseball field with all of the skills and things that he can do," Banner said. "It's been a pleasure watching him and he plays so hard too. I really love it. It sets the tone for the whole team, the whole organization really.

"He's definitely a leader. And the more leaders we have, guys who are continuing to push the Cubs way with their actions, the better off we'll be — and he's definitely one of those guys."

Owen Caissie, 20, hasn't seemed overmatched either in his first taste of Double A despite being 3.8 years younger than the average hitter in the Southern League. He has also held his own in lefty-lefty matchups, going 4-for-14 (.286) with three extra-base hits and six RBIs.

Through 15 games Caissie has posted a .308 average, .410 on-base percentage and 1.064 OPS. Nine of his 16 hits have gone for extra bases, including four home runs, and he has driven in 14 runs. The outlier in Caissie's numbers: 29 strikeouts in 61 plate appearances.

"Normally when you see a player struggling with his strikeout rate, they're not performing really well, so it's really awesome that he is both performing so well while still struggling in that one area so we can really home in and try to help him," Banner said. "It's already gotten a little bit better and we'll have to keep tackling that. In the meantime, he's going to do a lot of damage."

Banner believes Caissie's 47.5% strikeout rate largely centers on his timing: "He's not a big chaser."

He also partly attributes Caissie's strikeout numbers to his age. Only two of Caissie's PAs have come against a pitcher younger than him.

"He wouldn't be striking out this much if he was in Low A with the other 20-year-olds, so we have to recognize he's playing against a lot of pitchers who are much more experienced and very savvy," Banner said.

Caissie's last three games with the Tennessee Smokies might hint at the Canadian getting locked in with his timing. He drew five walks and struck out three times in that stretch after having at least two strikeouts in 11 of his first 12 games to accompany four walks.

Howard back in game action: Nearly one year after a devastating hip injury ended his season, shortstop Ed Howard is back to game action.

Howard, 21, played in an extended spring training game Friday in Arizona as the designated hitter. That was his first game back as a hitter after getting into a couple of games at shortstop.

"So proud of him for how much time, energy and focus he's put into his rehab," Banner said. "We all just want to see him back out on the field again every day."

Howard had season-ending surgery on his hip in May after an awkward baserunning sequence in which he tried to avoid a tag running to first base, resulting in the injury. Continuing to build up through the rehab process and staying healthy will be important for Howard, who has been limited to 103 minor-league games since the Cubs selected him in the first round of the 2020 draft.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	23	5	.821	—	—	8-2	W-3	14-2	9-3
Baltimore	18	9	.667	4½	+3½	8-2	W-1	9-4	9-5
Toronto	18	9	.667	4½	+3½	8-2	W-6	9-2	9-7
New York	15	13	.536	8	—	4-6	L-2	9-7	6-6
Boston	14	14	.500	9	1	5-5	W-1	8-7	6-7

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	16	12	.571	—	—	5-5	L-1	9-6	7-6
Cleveland	13	14	.481	2½	1½	4-6	L-1	4-8	9-6
Detroit	10	16	.385	5	4	3-7	L-1	5-6	5-10
Chicago	7	21	.250	9	8	0-10	L-10	3-9	4-12
Kansas City	7	21	.250	9	8	3-7	W-1	1-12	6-9

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	16	11	.593	—	—	5-5	W-2	10-5	6-6
Houston	14	13	.519	2	½	6-4	L-2	6-9	8-4
Los Angeles	14	14	.500	2½	1	5-5	L-2	8-5	6-9
Seattle	11	16	.407	5	3½	3-7	L-4	7-9	4-7
Oakland	5	23	.179	11½	10	2-8	L-5	2-12	3-11

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	18	9	.667	—	—	5-5	W-1	7-7	11-2
New York	15	12	.556	3	+½	4-6	L-1	5-5	10-7
Miami	15	13	.536	3½	—	5-5	W-3	9-6	6-7
Philadelphia	15	13	.536	3½	—	8-2	W-4	8-5	7-8
Washington	9	17	.346	8½	5	4-6	L-3	2-11	7-6

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	20	8	.714	—	—	9-1	W-4	9-4	11-4
Milwaukee	18	9	.667	1½	+3½	6-4	W-3	9-5	9-4
Chicago	14	12	.538	5	—	4-6	L-2	8-8	6-4
Cincinnati	12	15	.444	7½	2½	5-5	W-5	9-6	3-9
St. Louis	10	17	.370	9½	4½	3-7	L-1	5-8	5-9

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	16	12	.571	—	—	5-5	W-3	8-6	8-6
Los Angeles	14	13	.519	1½	½	6-4	W-1	7-6	7-7
San Diego	14	14	.500	2	1	6-4	W-1	6-8	8-6
San Francisco	11	15	.423	4	3	6-4	L-2	7-7	4-8
Colorado	8	20	.286	8	7	3-7	L-3	3-9	5-11

BOX SCORES

DETROIT 7, BALTIMORE 4
GAME 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	4	0	2	0	1	.310
Mountcastle 1b	5	1	2	0	1	.236
Urias 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.264
Santander dh	3	1	2	0	0	.222
Mateo ss	3	1	1	3	1	.359
McCann c	3	1	1	1	0	.179
d-Rtschmn ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.284
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	.255
McKenna rf	2	0	0	0	1	.240
b-Frazier ph-2b	2	0	1	0	0	.221
Ortiz 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.200
c-O'Hearn ph-rf	2	0	0	0	1	.308
TOTALS	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**7**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKinstry 2b	3	2	2	0	0	.288
a-Schoop ph-2b	2	0	1	0	1	.217
Greene cf	4	0	2	1	1	.235
Baez dh	5	1	1	1	3	.232
Torkelson 1b	4	1	0	0	2	.211
Maton 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.167
e-Ibanez ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Baddoo lf	3	1	2	0	0	.255
Vierling rf	4	0	3	4	0	.284
Rogers c	4	0	0	0	3	.205
Short ss	4	1	3	1	1	.750
TOTALS	**38**	**7**	**16**	**7**	**13**	

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a-struck out for McKinstry in the 6th. b-grounded out for McKenna in the 7th. c-flied out for Ortiz in the 7th. d-grounded out for McCann in the 8th. e-struck out for Maton in the 8th. **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Detroit 10. **2B:** Hays (7), Santander (8), McKinstry (4), Vierling 2(6), Schoop (2). HR: McCann (2), off E.Rodriguez; Mateo (5), off Englert; Short (1), off Hall. **RBIs:** McCann (4), Mateo 3(16), Baez (9), Vierling 4(8), Greene (7), Short (1). CS: Vierling (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 4(McCann 2, Mountcastle, Santander); Detroit 7 (Torkelson, Ibanez, Baez, Rogers 4). **RISP:** Baltimore 1for 6; Detroit 4for 17. **Runners moved up:** Greene. **GIDP:** Mateo, Baez. **DP:** Baltimore 1(Ortiz, Mateo, Mountcastle); Detroit 1(Short, Torkelson).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer, L, 2-1	5	11	5	5	2	6	6.67
Hall	3	5	2	2	1	7	6.00

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
E.Rodriguez, W, 2-2	5⅔	4	1	1	2	5	2.21
Englert, H, 1	2⅓	3	3	3	1	0	4.91
Lange, S, 3-4	1	2	0	0	0	2	1.50

Inherited runners-scored: Englert 2-0. **WP:** Hall. **Umpires:** Home, Ramon De Jesus; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Brian Walsh; Third, Charlie Ramos. T: 2:41. **A:** 17,974(41,083).

PITTSBURGH 6, WASHINGTON 3
GAME 1

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hayes 3b	5	0	1	0	2	.228
Reynolds lf	4	0	1	1	1	.299
McCutchen dh	4	1	1	0	0	.271
Joe 1b	4	2	1	1	2	.301
Castro ss	5	0	2	0	1	.288
Andujar rf	3	1	2	3	0	.667
Suwinski pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	.276
Mathias 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.303
Marcano 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.269
Bae cf	4	1	1	0	0	.253
Hedges c	2	0	0	1	0	.162
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**6**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call cf	4	0	2	0	1	.253
Candelario 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.233
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	1	.252
Garrett lf	3	1	0	0	1	.343
Garcia 2b	4	2	2	0	0	.236
Thomas rf	4	0	0	1	1	.258
Smith 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.221
Adams c	4	0	2	2	2	.250
Abrams ss	3	0	1	0	0	.226
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**8**	

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E: Hedges (2). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 10, Washington 5. **2B:** Castro (5), McCutchen (5), Reynolds (7), Call (2), Adams (1), Candelario (5). 3B: Garcia (1). HR: Joe (4), off Corbin; Andujar (1), off Edwards Jr.. **RBIs:** Andujar 3 (3), Joe (11), Hedges (4), Reynolds (21), Adams 2(2), Thomas (10). SB: Garcia (1), Suwinski (5). CS: Castro (2), Hayes (3). SF: Reynolds. **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 6(Bae 2, McCutchen, Marcano, Castro 2); Washington 4(Abrams, Garrett 2, Meneses). .

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hill, W, 3-2	6⅓	8	3	2	0	5	4.18
Stephenson, H, 6	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Holderman, H, 9	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.46
Bednar, S, 9-10	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.69

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L, 1-4	5⅓	7	3	3	1	2	5.74
Edwards Jr.	⅔	1	1	1	1	0	1.74
Ward	1	1	1	1	3	2	4.82
Banda	0	1	1	1	1	0	6.43
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.40
Weems	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.00

Banda pitched to 3batters in the 8th Inherited runners-scored: Edwards Jr. 1-1, Banda 1-1, Ramirez 3-1. IBB: off Ward (McCutchen). **HBP:** Banda (Marcano). **WP:** Hill. **Umpires:** Home, Erich Bacchus; First, Derek Thomas; Second, Ryan Wills; Third, Andy Fletcher. T: 2:52. **A:** 22,090(41,376).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
through Friday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
M.Chapman Tor	25	92	34	16	.370
Arozarena TB	26	100	33	19	.330
Bichette Tor	26	110	36	15	.327
Kelenic Sea	24	83	27	12	.325
Merrifield Tor	20	71	23	10	.324
Guerrero Jr. Tor	26	102	33	19	.324
Y.Díaz TB	25	94	30	22	.319
Dubón Hou	22	92	29	18	.315
Trout LAA	25	99	30	18	.303
Hays Bal	23	83	25	16	.301

Home Runs: Devers, Boston, 9; Rooker, Oakland, 8; Gallo, Minnesota, 7; Burger, Chicago, 7; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 7; Kelenic, Seattle, 7; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 7; A.García, Texas, 7; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 7; 6 tied at 6.

Runs Batted In: A.García, Texas, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 27; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 24; Devers, Boston, 24; Semien, Texas, 23; Mullins, Baltimore, 21; Rooker, Oakland, 20; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 20; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 20; 3 tied at 19.

Pitching: Cole, New York, 5-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 5-0; Ryan, Minnesota, 5-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 4-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4-0; Kikuchi, Toronto, 4-0; H.Brown, Houston, 3-0; S.Gray, Minnesota, 3-0; Eflin, Tampa Bay, 3-0; Bradley, Tampa Bay, 3-0.

BALTIMORE 6, DETROIT 4
GAME 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	4	0	2	1	0	.319
Rutschman c	4	0	2	0	0	.293
Mountcastle 1b	5	0	1	0	2	.235
Santander rf	4	0	0	0	1	.213
Mullins cf	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Mateo ss	4	1	1	0	0	.353
McCann dh	3	1	1	0	1	.194
c-O'Hearn ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.286
Henderson 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.200
McKenna cf-rf	4	2	2	3	1	.276
Ortiz 2b	3	1	1	1	0	.250
d-Frazier ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.218
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**11**	**5**	**5**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKinstry 2b	2	0	1	0	1	.296
a-Short ph-2b	1	1	0	0	0	.600
Greene cf	4	1	1	0	1	.235
Baez ss	4	1	0	1	1	.221
Maton 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.163
b-Nevin ph-1b	2	1	1	3	0	.091
Haase c	4	0	0	0	2	.254
Baddoo lf	4	0	0	0	2	.235
Cabrera dh	4	0	1	0	0	.189
Vierling rf	3	0	1	0	1	.286
Ibanez 1b-3b	3	0	0	0	3	.000
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**12**	

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a-walked for McKinstry in the 6th. b-homered for Maton in the 6th. c-flied out for McCann in the 8th. d-flied out for Ortiz in the 9th. **E:** Mateo (4). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, Detroit 4. **2B:** McKinstry (5). HR: McKenna (1), off Boyd; Nevin (1), off Baumann. **RBIs:** McKenna 3(6), Ortiz (4), Hays (10), Baez (10), Nevin 3 (4). CS: Henderson (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 2(Mountcastle 2); Detroit 1(Ibanez). **RISP:** Baltimore 3for 9; Detroit 1for 4. **GIDP:** Santander. **DP:** Detroit 1(Baez, Nevin).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
G.Rodriguez, W, 1-0	5	2	0	0	1	9	4.07
Akin	0	1	3	2	1	0	8.10
Baumann	1	1	1	1	0	1	1.15
Baker, H, 6	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.88
Coulombe, H, 6	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.90
Cano, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bautista, S, 7-9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.32

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Boyd, L, 1-2	5⅔	8	6	6	1	3	5.47
Cisnero	1⅓	0	0	0	2	1	3.72
Foley	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.59
Vest	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

Akin pitched to 3batters in the 6th Inherited runners-scored: Baumann 2-2, Coulombe 1-0. **WP:** Boyd. **Umpires:** Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Brian Walsh; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, Doug Eddings. T: 2:41. **A:** 11,048 (41,083).

PITTSBURGH 16, WASHINGTON 1
GAME 2

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hayes 3b	3	3	2	0	0	.240
a-Maggi ph-3b	2	1	2	1	0	.333
Reynolds lf	2	3	2	1	0	.313
b-Andujar ph-rf	2	1	2	3	0	.800
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	1	2	.258
c-Mathias ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.294
Santana 1b	4	2	3	3	0	.281
Bae cf	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Suwinski cf-lf	6	1	3	5	2	.297
Joe rf-lf-1b	3	1	0	0	2	.289
Castro ss-2b	4	0	1	0	2	.286
Marcano 2b-ss	3	1	0	0	0	.241
Delay c	3	3	2	1	0	.390
TOTALS	**38**	**16**	**17**	**15**	**8**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call rf	4	0	1	0	0	.253
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.224
Candelario 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.226
Chavis 3b	1	0	1	0	0	.263
Meneses dh	4	0	2	0	1	.262
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	0	.271
Smith 1b	4	1	2	1	1	.233
Garrett lf	4	0	0	0	2	.308
Abrams ss	1	0	0	0	0	.224
Downs ss	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Robles cf	4	0	1	0	0	.267
TOTALS	**34**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**6**	

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a-singled for Hayes in the 7th. b-singled for Reynolds in the 7th. c-flied out for McCutchen in the 9th. **E:** Smith (2). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 7, Washington 8. **2B:** Hayes (8), Reynolds (8), Santana (9), Suwinski (5), Maggi (1). 3B: Delay (1). HR: Suwinski (6), off Harris; Andujar (2), off Thomas; Smith (1), off Ramirez. **RBIs:** Santana 3(16), Delay (8), Suwinski 5(18), Reynolds (22), McCutchen (14), Maggi (1), Andujar 3(6), Smith (5). SB: Reynolds (5), Call (2), Suwinski (5). CS: Suwinski (1). SF: Santana, Delay, McCutchen. S: Marcano. **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 4(Suwinski 2, Joe, Hayes); Washington 3(Meneses, Call 2).**DP:** Washington 1(Garcia, Abrams, Smith).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Velasquez, W, 4-2	6	5	0	0	0	5	3.06
Bolton	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Ramirez	1	1	1	1	1	0	3.60

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kuhl, L, 0-2	3⅔	7	8	8	4	4	9.41
Weems	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Harris	2	6	5	5	2	2	7.36
Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.38
Thomas	1	3	3	3	0	1	27.00

Inherited runners-scored: Weems 1-0. **HBP:** Velasquez (Abrams), Kuhl (Delay). **Umpires:** Home, Laz Diaz; First, Ryan Wills; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Derek Thomas. T: 2:52. **A:** 17,482 (41,376).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS
through Friday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	23	82	35	10	.427
Acuña Jr. Atl	27	108	38	23	.352
Marsh Phi	25	78	27	15	.346
Stott Phi	26	113	38	9	.336
Hoerner ChC	25	111	37	21	.333
Nimmo NYM	26	94	31	16	.330
T.Estrada SF	24	95	31	19	.326
Castellanos Phi	27	103	33	22	.320
Bogaerts SD	27	98	31	18	.316
Carroll Ari	27	93	29	19	.312

Home Runs: Muncy, Los Angeles, 11; Alonso, New York, 10; Wisdom, Chicago, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 8; Olson, Atlanta, 8; Outman, Los Angeles, 7; Albies, Atlanta, 7; Murphy, Atlanta, 6; Gorman, St. Louis, 6; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 6.

Runs Batted In: Olson, Atlanta, 25; Alonso, New York, 25; Albies, Atlanta, 23; Muncy, Los Angeles, 22; Gorman, St. Louis, 22; Lindor, New York, 21; 5 tied at 20.

Pitching: Steele, Chicago, 4-0; Gallen, Arizona, 4-1; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-1; Keller, Pittsburgh, 3-0; Strider, Atlanta, 3-0; Puk, Miami, 3-0; 7 tied at 3-1.

MIAMI 7, CHICAGO CUBS 6

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	3	0	1	2	1	.333
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	1	.280
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	1	.301
Suzuki rf	5	0	1	0	3	.255
Bellinger cf	4	2	1	1	3	.295
Mancini 1b	4	2	2	0	1	.253
Hosmer dh	3	0	1	0	2	.246
c-Velzquez ph-dh	1	1	0	0	0	.389
Wisdom 3b	3	1	2	2	1	.250
Barnhart c	2	0	0	0	2	.200
a-Madrigal ph	0	0	0	0	0	.289
b-Rios ph	1	0	0	0	1	.059
Gomes c	1	0	1	1	0	.313
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**16**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	1	3	2	1	.252
Soler dh	5	0	0	0	2	.228
Arraez 2b	4	2	3	0	0	.442
Gurriel 1b	4	1	2	0	1	.306
De La Cruz lf	5	0	0	0	2	.261
Sanchez rf	4	1	2	3	2	.214
Segura 3b	3	1	0	0	2	.209
Stallings c	3	0	1	1	1	.136
Hampson ss	3	1	1	0	0	.238
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**12**	**6**	**11**	

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Miami 501 100 00x — 7 12 0

a- for Barnhart in the 6th. b-struck out for Madrigal in the 6th. c-pinch hit for Hosmer in the 8th. **LOB:** Chicago 9, Miami 10. **2B:** Sanchez (3), Hampson (4), Chisholm Jr. (2). HR: Wisdom (10), off Cabrera; Bellinger (6), off Nardi. **RBIs:** Wisdom 2(20), Bellinger (16), Hoerner 2(17), Gomes (13), Sanchez 3 (4), Stallings (3), Chisholm Jr. 2(13). SF: Hoerner. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 4(Swanson 2, Mancini 2); Miami 5(Sanchez, Soler 2, Gurriel, Stallings).

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kilian, L, 0-1	3⅓	10	7	7	2	4	18.90
Estrada	1⅔	2	0	0	1	2	0.00
Merryweather	2	0	0	0	1	3	6.94
Alzolay	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.70

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera, W, 2-2	5	3	2	2	5	12	4.67
Nardi	0	4	2	2	0	0	5.56
Brazoban, H, 4	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.55
Okert, H, 1	⅓	0	2	2	3	0	6.23
Barnes, H, 1	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.91
Scott, S, 2-2	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.73

Nardi pitched to 4batters in the 6th Inherited runners-scored: Estrada 2-1, Brazoban 3-1, Barnes 3-2. IBB: off Estrada (Arraez). **HBP:** Kilian 2(Gurriel,Chisholm Jr.). **WP:** Kilian. **Umpires:** Home, Rob Drake; First, Bill Miller; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Roberto Ortiz. T: 3:13. **A:** 14,994(37,446).

PHILADELPHIA 6, HOUSTON 1

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	5	0	0	0	0	.322
Turner ss	5	0	1	0	3	.261
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	3	.206
Castellanos rf	5	1	2	1	1	.324
Marsh cf	4	2	1	0	2	.341
Realmuto c	3	1	2	1	1	.283
Bohm 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.286
Clemens 1b	3	1	1	2	0	.160
Cave lf	4	0	3	1	1	.222
TOTALS	**37**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**11**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Dubon 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.302
Pena ss	4	1	1	1	1	.241
Alvarez dh	3	0	2	0	0	.269
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.214
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	1	.277
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.243
Julks lf	4	0	1	0	1	.297
Meyers cf	4	0	1	0	3	.266
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	.131
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**11**	

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Houston 000 000 010 — 1 6 0

LOB: Philadelphia 8, Houston 8. **2B:** Cave 2(4), Marsh (7), Bohm 2(7), Realmuto (7), Alvarez (4). HR: Castellanos (4), off Javier; Clemens (2), off Maton; Pena (6), off Vasquez. **RBIs:** Castellanos (17), Realmuto (9), Clemens 2(4), Bohm (21), Cave (9), Pena (16). SB: Realmuto (5), Julks (2). SF: Realmuto. **DP:** Houston 1(J.Abreu, Pena).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, W, 3-1	6	3	0	0	1	7	3.86
Dominguez	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.35
Vasquez	1	1	1	1	0	1	1.46
Marte	1	1	0	0	0	1	18.00

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Javier, L, 2-1	5⅔	7	3	3	1	6	3.48
Maton	1⅓	1	1	1	0	3	0.69
Martinez	1	2	2	2	2	1	6.35
Blanco	1	2	0	0	0	1	4.91

Inherited runners-scored: Maton 1-1. **HBP:** Wheeler (Maldonado), Dominguez (Maldonado). **WP:** Javier. mpires: T: 2:51. **A:** 41,240(41,000).

TEXAS 2, N.Y. YANKEES 0

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	1	.216
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.293
Torres 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.244
LeMahieu 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.256
Calhoun dh	3	0	1	0	0	.243
Cabrera rf	2	0	0	0	0	.207
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	1	.237
Bauers lf	0	0	0	0	0	---
Hicks lf	3	0	0	0	1	.125
Kiner-Falefa cf	3	0	1	0	1	.174
TOTALS	**28**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**8**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.278
Jankowski cf	3	0	0	0	1	.302
Lowe 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.252
Garcia rf	4	0	0	0	1	.255
Jung 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.260
Heim c	2	0	0	0	0	.278
Grossman dh	3	1	1	0	1	.250
Duran ss	3	1	2	2	0	.310
Thompson lf	3	0	2	0	0	.233
TOTALS	**27**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**7**	

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Texas 000 020 00x — 2 5 0

LOB: New York 2, Texas 5. **2B:** Thompson (4). HR: Duran (2), off Brito. **RBIs:** Duran 2(10). SB: Jankowski (5). CS: Thompson (1). S: Cabrera. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 1(Hicks); Texas 3 (Lowe, Garcia, Grossman). . **DP:** New York 1(LeMahieu, Torres, Rizzo); Texas 1 (Duran, Semien, Lowe).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brito, L, 2-3	5	4	2	2	1	5	5.56
Marinaccio	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.31
Hamilton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.72
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.70

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eovaldi, W, 3-2	9	3	0	0	0	8	3.93

HBP: Peralta (Lowe). **Umpires:** Home, Jeremy Riggs; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Ryan Blakney. T: 2:06. **A:** 40,027(40,000).

BOSTON 8, CLEVELAND 7 (10)

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	3	0	1	.280
Rosario ss	5	0	0	0	3	.226
Ramirez 3b	4	1	3	1	0	.291
Naylor 1b	5	0	3	3	1	.214
Bell dh	5	1	1	1	1	.214
1-Arias pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Gonzalez rf	3	0	0	0	1	.188
a-Brennan ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	.211
Gimenez 2b	5	1	1	1	2	.250
Zunino c	5	0	1	1	1	.241
Straw cf	3	2	2	0	0	.276
TOTALS	**42**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**10**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	6	1	2	1	0	.301
Yoshida dh	4	1	1	0	0	.274
Turner 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.269
Devers 3b	5	1	2	3	1	.239
Duran cf	5	0	1	0	0	.409
Tapia lf	4	1	2	0	0	.231
Valdez 2b	5	2	1	1	1	.313
Arroyo ss	4	2	3	2	0	.226
Wong c	4	0	3	0	1	.222
TOTALS	**42**	**8**	**16**	**7**	**4**	

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Boston 300 201 000 2 — 8 16 0

One out when winning run scored. a-grounded out for Gonzalez in the 8th. 1-ran for Bell in the 10th. **E:** Zunino (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 10, Boston 11. **2B:** Naylor (2), Verdugo (6), Tapia (1), Valdez (2). HR: Bell (3), off Bello; Gimenez (2), off Bleier; Devers (10), off Plesac. **RBIs:** Bell (13), Gimenez (6), Naylor 3(15), Ramirez (17), Zunino (6), Devers 3(27), Valdez (1), Arroyo 2 (6), Verdugo (14). SB: Naylor (2), Straw (8). CS: Ramirez (2). S: Wong. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 5 (Gonzalez, Bell 2, Kwan, Rosario); Boston 6(Valdez 3, Yoshida 2, Turner). **RISP:** Cleveland 4for 14; Boston 5for 13. **Runners moved up:** Verdugo 2. **GIDP:** Rosario. **DP:** Boston 1(Valdez, Arroyo, Turner).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Plesac	3⅓	8	5	5	1	1	7.59
Curry	2⅔	4	1	0	0	1	2.50
De Los Santos	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.86
Karinchak	1	0	0	0	1	1	5.79
Morgan	1	2	0	0	1	0	0.00
Clase, L, 1-2, BS, 9-11	⅓	2	2	0	0	0	81

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello	5	5	1	1	2	6	6.57
Bleier	1	2	1	1	0	0	6.94
Brasier	⅔	1	3	3	2	1	8.36
Schreiber, H, 5	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	2.92
Winckowski, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.40
Jansen, BS, 6-7	1	3	1	1	0	1	1.04
Bernardino, W, 1-0	1	2	1	0	0	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Curry 2-0, Schreiber 3-3. PB: Zunino (2). **Umpires:** Home, Ben May; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Chris Segal. T: 3:17. **A:** 31,717(37,755).

TAMPA BAY 12, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 3

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.235
c-Diaz ph-1b	0	1	0	0	0	.319
Franco ss	4	2	2	3	1	.300
Arozarena lf	5	2	2	4	2	.333
J.Lowe dh	4	2	2	1	1	.356
Paredes 1b-3b	5	1	2	1	1	.261
Walls 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	3	.259
Raley rf	2	0	0	0	1	.207
b-Margot ph-rf	3	1	1	1	1	.239
Mejia c	4	2	1	1	1	.200
Siri cf	4	1	1	1	1	.229
TOTALS	**38**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**13**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Robert Jr. cf	1	0	0	0	0	.213
a-Colas ph-rf	3	0	0	0	0	.208
Vaughn 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.245
Sheets rf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	.289
Jimenez dh	3	1	1	1	0	.187
Burger 3b	3	1	0	0	1	.246
Grandal c	4	0	0	0	1	.241
Haseley lf-cf	3	0	0	0	1	.333
Andrus ss	4	0	1	2	1	.186
Gonzalez 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.143
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**6**	

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a-lined out for Robert Jr. in the 2nd. b-singled for Raley in the 7th. c-walked for B.Lowe in the 7th. **E:** Faucher (1), Paredes (2), Lynn (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 5. **2B:** Paredes (5), Siri (3), Vaughn (10), Jimenez (4). HR: Franco (5), off Lynn; Arozarena (6), off Lambert; J.Lowe (5), off Lambert; Mejia (1), off Middleton; Arozarena (7), off Diekman. **RBIs:** Franco 3(17), Paredes (19), Margot (8), Siri (9), Arozarena 4 (28), J.Lowe (18), Mejia (5), Andrus 2 (8), Jimenez (8). SB: Margot (3), Walls (3), Franco (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 0; Chicago 2 (Grandal, Colas). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 4for 5; Chicago 2for 9. **Runners moved up:** Sheets. **GIDP:** Jimenez. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Franco, B.Lowe, Paredes).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Faucher	1⅓	1	2	2	2	1	6.43
Chirinos, W, 1-0	4⅔	3	1	1	0	3	0.64
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.84
Beeks	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.26
Thompson	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.35

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn, L, 0-4	6⅓	3	4	4	2	10	7.16
Bummer, BS, 0-1	⅓	2	3	3	1	0	8.64
Lambert	⅓	4	3	3	0	1	6.92
Middleton	1	1	1	1	1	2	3.86
Diekman	1	1	1	1	1	0	7.94

Inherited runners-scored: Chirinos 2-0, Bummer 2-2, Lambert 3-3. **WP:** Faucher. **Umpires:** Home, Hunter Wendelstedt; First, John Tumpane; Second, Alex MacKay; Third, Marvin Hudson. T: 2:53. **A:** 28,462(40,241).

THIS DATE IN BASEBLL
April 30

1903: The New York Highlanders won their home opener at Hilltop Park, 6-2 over Washington.

1919: Philadelphia's Joe Oeschger and Brooklyn's Burleigh Grimes pitched complete games in a 9-9, 20-inning tie. Both teams scored three runs in the 19th inning. Oeschger gave up 22 hits and walked five, while Grimes allowed 15 hits and walked five.

1922: Charlie Robertson of the Chicago White Sox pitched a 2-0 perfect game against the Detroit Tigers. Johnny Mostil, playing left field for the only time, made two outstanding catches.

1923: The New York Yankees sign 20-year-old prospect Lou Gehrig to a contract paying him a salary of $2,000 and a bonus of $1,500.

1944: In the first game of a doubleheader split, New York first baseman Phil Weintraub drove in 11 runs and player-manager Mel Ott scored six runs as the Giants beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 26-8. Brooklyn won the nightcap 5-4.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
LA	Suarez (L)		0-1	10.26	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	12.1	9.49
Mil	Rea (R)	1:10p	0-1	5.17	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.2	5.17
Cin	Lodolo (L)		2-1	6.31	3-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.2	10.54
Oak	Waldichuk (L)	3:07p	0-2	7.82	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	16.2	4.32
Phi	Falter (L)		0-4	4.50	1-4	0-0	1.0	0.00	0-3	17.2	5.60
Hou	Urquidy (R)	6:10p	1-2	5.64	2-3	0-0	2.0	9.00	1-2	13.0	6.92

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cle	Allen (L)		1-0	1.50	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	6.0	1.50
Bos	Sale (L)	12:35p	1-2	8.22	3-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	15.0	6.60
Sea	Gonzales (L)		2-0	3.32	2-2	2-0	12.2	2.13	2-0	16.2	2.16
Tor	Bassitt (R)	12:37p	3-2	4.82	3-2	0-0	5.2	1.59	2-1	18.2	1.93
Bal	Bradish (R)		1-1	6.30	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	10.0	6.30
Det	Turnbull (R)	12:40p	1-3	7.25	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	14.1	3.77
KC	Singer (R)		2-2	6.67	3-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.0	7.88
Min	Gray (R)	1:10p	3-0	0.62	4-1	1-0	5.0	0.00	2-0	17.0	0.53
TB	Rasmussen (R)		3-2	3.33	3-2	0-1	12.0	2.25	1-2	14.0	6.43
ChW	Clevinger (R)	1:10p	2-2	4.81	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	14.0	5.79
NYY	Cortes (L)		3-1	3.49	3-2	0-0	7.1	0.00	1-1	18.0	4.00
Tex	Perez (L)	1:35p	3-1	2.60	3-2	0-1	6.0	1.50	2-0	17.0	2.65

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
ChC	Steele (L)		4-0	1.19	4-1	0-0	4.2	0.00	3-0	18.1	1.47
Mia	Hoeing (R)	11:05a	0-1	9.82	0-1	0-0	1.0	0.00	0-2	6.2	14.85
Pit	Oviedo (R)		2-1	3.03	3-2	0-0	1.0	0.00	1-1	18.1	2.95
Was	Gray (R)	12:35p	1-4	2.93	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.2	1.62
Atl	Strider (R)		3-0	1.80	5-0	1-1	12.1	4.38	2-0	19.0	1.42
NYM	Megill (R)	12:40p	3-1	3.96	3-2	0-1	6.0	7.50	1-1	14.0	5.79
Ari	Nelson (R)		1-1	5.33	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	16.0	5.62
Col	Gomber (L)	2:10p	1-4	9.28	1-4	1-0	15.2	6.32	1-2	10.2	11.81
SF	Cobb (R)		1-1	1.91	3-2	1-1	15.0	3.60	1-0	17.2	1.53
SD	Darvish (R)	3:05p	1-2	3.00	1-3	0-1	8.2	10.38	1-2	19.0	3.32
StL	Woodford (R)		1-2	5.47	2-3	0-0	1.0	0.00	1-0	15.2	3.45
LAD	Syndergaard (R)	3:10p	0-3	6.58	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.0	6.75

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
G1: Detroit 7, Baltimore 4
G2: Baltimore 6, Detroit 2
Toronto 1, Seattle 0(10)
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 2
Boston 8, Cleveland 7(10)
Philadelphia 6, Houston 1
Texas 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Milwaukee 7, L.A. Angels 5
Tampa Bay 12, Chicago White Sox 3
MONDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 6:10p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 7:10p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6
Cleveland 5, Boston 2
Toronto 3, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Milwaukee 2, L.A. Angels 1
Texas 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Philadelphia 3, Houston 1
Cincinnati 11, Oakland 7
Baltimore at Detroit, ppd.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
G1: Pittsburgh 6, Washington 3
G2: Pittsburgh 16, Washington 1
Miami 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 2
Philadelphia 6, Houston 1
San Diego 16, San Francisco 11
Milwaukee 7, L.A. Angels 5
Arizona 11, Colorado 4
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, late
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
MONDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 12:10p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Washington, 6:05p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 8:40p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 0(5)
Miami 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 2, L.A. Angels 1
Philadelphia 3, Houston 1
Arizona 9, Colorado 1
Cincinnati 11, Oakland 7
L.A. Dodgers 7, St. Louis 3
Pittsburgh at Washington, ppd.

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Rangers:** Rangers ace Jacob deGrom was placed on the 15-day injured list Saturday with right elbow inflammation after early exits in two of his last three starts. While his departures from those games were attributed to right wrist soreness and forearm tightness, general manager Chris Young said an MRI showed inflammation in his elbow.

■ **Twins:** The Twins placed starting pitcher Kenta Maeda on the 15-day injured list retroactive to Thursday with a right triceps strain.

■ **Mariners:** Mariners pitcher Easton McGee took a no-hitter into the seventh inning of his first major league start Saturday before Matt Chapman doubled off the center-field wall for the Blue Jays with two outs. McGee was removed after Chapman's hit, and reliever Matt Brash struck out Daulton Varsho to end the inning. McGee retired his first 12 batters before walking Chapman to begin the fifth. The 6-foot-6 right-hander then set down the next eight Blue Jays hitters. He threw only 64 pitches in 6 ⅔ innings, striking out two. ... Mariners star Julio Rodríguez left Saturday's game against the Jays in the sixth because of a sore lower back. The 22-year-old Rodríguez won the AL Rookie of the Year award last season and was selected for the All-Star Game.

■ **Yankees:** Yankees captain Aaron Judge has a mild hip strain that manager Aaron Boone said the team will continue to evaluate through the weekend before determining whether the reigning AL MVP will go on the injured list.

■ **Mets:** The game between the Braves and Mets scheduled for Saturday was postponed because of rain. It will be made up Aug. 12 as part of a doubleheader at Citi Field. The postponement until August means Mets ace Max Scherzer won't be eligible to pitch in this series against the NL East rival Braves. The three-time Cy Young Award winner is serving a 10-game suspension imposed by Major League Baseball following his ejection for having a foreign substance on his hand while pitching in an April 19 game at Dodger Stadium.

■ **Pirates:** Drew Maggi got his first major league hit Saturday night, three days after making his big league debut with the Pirates following 13 years in the minor leagues. The 34-year-old lined a 2-2 splitter from Hobie Harris into center field for an RBI single in the seventh inning. Fans at Nationals Park chanted Maggi's name during and after the at-bat and again when he came off the field at the end of the half inning. Maggi played in 1,154 games in the minors, making 4,494 plate appearances.

■ **Athletics:** Jeurys Familia gave up a one-run lead in the ninth for the A's and the Reds' Jake Fraley hit a broken-bat double to give the Reds a 3-2 win over the A's. The A's set a major league record with 28 games to start a season without a win by the starting pitcher.

■ **Padres:** Manny Machado put the Padres ahead in the seventh with his second homer and the 11th of the night, and the Padres outslugged the Giants 16-11 Saturday night in Major League Baseball's first game in Mexico City. Nelson Cruz, Juan Soto, Fernando Tatis and Xander Bogaerts also went deep for the Padres, who outhomered the Giants 6-5 and outhit them 17-13 in the thin air of Estadio Alfredo Harp Helú, which opened in 2019.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EAST CONFERENCE

#8 Miami 4, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-117.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
April 22: G3 at Miami 121-99.
April 24: G4 at Miami 119-114.
April 26: G5 Miami 128-126 (OT).

#2 Boston 4, #7 Atlanta 2
April 15: G1 at Boston 112-99.
April 18: G2 at Boston 119-106.
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122.
April 23: G4 Boston 129-121.
April 25: G5 Atlanta 119-117.
April 27: G6 Boston 128-120.

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: G1 at Philadelphia 121--101.
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
April 22: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 4, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97.
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
April 23: G4 at New York 102-93.
April 26: G5 New York 106-95.

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

#2 Boston vs. #3 Philadelphia
Monday: at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
May 5: at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
May 7: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
x- May 9: at Boston, TBA
x-May 11: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-May 14: at Boston, TBA

#5 New York vs. #8 Miami
Sunday: G1 at New York, noon
Tuesday: G2 at New York, TBD
May 6: G3 at Miami, TBD
May 8: G4 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
x-May 10: G5 at New York, TBD
x-May 12: G6 at Miami, TBD
x-May 15: G7 at New York, TBD

WEST CONFERENCE

#1 Denver 4, #8 Minnesota 1
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
April 23: G4 at Minnesota 114-108 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Denver 119-112.

#7 L.A. Lakers 4, #2 Memphis 2
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
April 22: G3 at L.A. Lakers 111-101.
April 24: G4 at L.A. Lakers 117-111 (OT)
April 26: G5 at Memphis 116-99.
April 28: G6 at L.A. Lakers, 125-85

#6 Golden State 3, #3 Sacramento 3
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123.
April 17: G2 at Sacramento 114-106.
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
April 23: G4 at Golden State 126-125.
April 26: G5 Golden State 123-116.
April 28: G6 Sacramento 118-99.
Sunday: G7 at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.

#4 Phoenix 4, #5 L.A. Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
April 22: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
April 25: G5 at Phoenix 136-130.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

#1 Denver 1, #4 Phoenix 0
Saturday: G1 at Denver 125-107.
Monday: G2 at Denver, 9 p.m.
May 5: G3 at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
May 7: G4 at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
x-May 9: G5 at Denver, TBA
x-May 11: G6 at Phoenix, TBA
x-May 14: G7 at Denver, TBA

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Through Friday

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Robinson, MIA	14	19	.737
Leonard, LAC	6	10	.600
Harris, PHI	8	14	.571
Craig, PHO	10	18	.556
Hachimura, LAL	11	21	.524
Brown, BOS	17	33	.515
Ingles, MIL	10	20	.500
Jokic, DEN	11	22	.500
Kennard, MEM	8	16	.500
Maxey, PHI	15	30	.500
Allen, MIL	14	29	.483
Connaughton, MIL	11	23	.478
Mann, LAC	9	19	.474
Aldama, MEM	7	15	.467
Booker, PHO	14	30	.467
Durant, PHO	11	24	.458
White, BOS	16	35	.457
Bogdanovic, ATL	15	33	.455
Conley, MIN	10	22	.455
Butler, MIA	12	27	.444
Martin, MIA	7	16	.438
Love, MIA	13	30	.433
Johnson, BKN	12	28	.429
Murray, DEN	18	42	.429
Harden, PHI	14	33	.424
Porter, DEN	14	33	.424

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES WÜRTH 400 LINEUP

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday At Dover Motor Speedway; Dover, Del.; Lap length: 1.00 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, .000mph.
2. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, .000.
3. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, .000.
4. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, .000.
5. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, .000.
6. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, .000.
7. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, .000.
8. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, .000.
9. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, .000.
10. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, .000.
11. (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, .000.
12. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, .000.
13. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, .000.
14. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, .000.
15. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, .000.
16. (77) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, .000.
17. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, .000.
18. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, .000.
19. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, .000.
20. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, .000.
21. (51) JJ Yeley, Ford, .000.
22. (78) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, .000.
23. (48) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, .000.
24. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, .000.
25. (31) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, .000.
26. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, .000.
27. (7) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, .000.
28. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, .000.
29. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, .000.
30. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, .000.
31. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, .000.
32. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, .000.
33. (42) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, .000.
34. (15) Brennan Poole, Ford, .000.
35. (38) Todd Gilliland, Ford, .000.
36. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, .000.

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at New York	4	(207½)	Miami
Golden State	1	(229½)	at Sacra.

MLB — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
American League			
at Boston	-142	Cleveland	+122
at Toronto	-168	Seattle	+142
Baltimore	-144	at Detroit	+122
at Minnesota	-205	Kansas City	+172
Tampa Bay	-174	at Chi. Wh. Sox	+146
NY Yankees	-116	at Texas	-102
National League			
Chicago Cubs	-136	at Miami	+116
Pittsburgh	-134	at Washington	+114
Atlanta	-162	at NY Mets	+136
Arizona	-116	at Colorado	-102
at San Diego	-142	San Francisco	+120
at LA Dodgers	-138	St. Louis	+118
Interleague			
at Milwaukee	-126	LA Angels	+108
Cincinnati	-154	at Oakland	+130
at Houston	-152	Philadelphia	+128

NHL PLAYOFFS — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Boston	-225	Florida	+188
at Colorado	-215	Seattle	+176

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NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 3, Florida 3
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
April 23: G4 Boston 6-2.
April 26: G5 Florida 4-3 (OT).
April 28: G6 Florida, 7-5.
Sunday: G7 at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
April 17: G1 Carolina 2-1
April 19: G2 Carolina 4-3 (OT)
April 21: G3 N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
April 23: G4 Carolina 5-2.
April 25: G5 N.Y.. Islanders 3-2.
April 28: G6 Carolina 2-1 (OT)

New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 3
April 18: G1 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1
April 22: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT)
April 24: G4 New Jersey 3-1.
April 27: G5 at New Jersey, 4-0.
Saturday: G6 at N.Y. Rangers 5-2.
Monday: G7 at New Jersey, TBD

Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 2
April 18: G1 Tampa Bay 7-3.
April 20: G2 Toronto 7-2.
April 22: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT).
April 24: G4 Toronto 5-4 (OT).
April 27: G5 Tampa Bay 4-2.
Saturday: G6 Toronto 2-1 (OT).

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 3, Los Angeles 2
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT).
April 19: G2 Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT).
April 23: G4 Edmonton 5-4 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Edmonton 6-3.
Saturday: G6 at Los Angeles, late
x-Monday: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Dallas 4, Minnesota 2
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT0.
April 19: G2 Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 Minnesota 5-1.
April 23: G4 Dallas 3-2.
April 25: G5 at Dallas 4-0.
April 28: G6 Dallas 4-1

Seattle 3, Colorado 3
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 Colorado 3-2.
April 22: G3 Colorado 6-4.
April 24: G4 at Seattle 3-2 (OT).
April 26: G5 Seattle 3-2.
April 28: G6 Colorado 4-1.
Sunday: G7 at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 Vegas 5-2.
April 22: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT).
April 24: G4 Vegas 4-2.
April 27: G5 Vegas, 4-1.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	3	21	16	9
Cincinnati	6	1	3	21	13	11
Atlanta	5	2	3	18	19	16
Nashville	4	3	3	15	11	6
New York City FC	4	3	3	15	12	11
Columbus	4	4	2	14	19	12
D.C. United	4	4	2	14	14	13
Orlando City	4	3	2	14	10	10
Toronto FC	2	2	6	12	13	13
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
Chicago	2	2	5	11	13	13
Inter Miami CF	3	6	0	9	8	10
CF Montréal	3	6	0	9	7	17
Charlotte FC	2	5	3	9	10	19
New York	1	3	6	9	7	10
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Saint Louis City SC	6	3	1	19	22	12
Seattle	6	2	1	19	17	7
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
San Jose	4	3	3	15	13	13
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	8	8
Portland	3	5	2	11	13	16
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Real Salt Lake	3	5	0	9	10	17
Austin FC	2	4	3	9	8	14
Colorado	1	3	5	8	6	11
LA Galaxy	1	5	3	6	7	14
Sporting KC	0	7	3	3	3	15

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 3, Atlanta 1
Miami 2, Columbus 1
D.C. United 3, Charlotte FC 0
Cincinnati 1, New England 1
Orlando City 2, LA Galaxy 0
Toronto FC 1, New York City FC 0
San Jose 2, Austin FC 2
New York 1, Chicago 1
CF Montréal 2, Sporting KC 0
Portland 2, Saint Louis City SC 1
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, late
Colorado at Vancouver, late
Houston at Los Angeles FC ppd.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	3	0	1	10	11	2
OL Reign	3	1	1	10	10	5
Washington	2	0	3	9	6	4
San Diego	3	1	0	9	8	4
Gotham FC	3	1	0	9	5	3
Houston	1	1	3	6	3	3
North Carolina	2	3	0	6	4	6
Angel City	1	2	1	4	5	7
Chicago	1	3	1	4	10	13
Louisville	0	1	4	4	6	8
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	5	9
Orlando	0	4	0	0	1	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 2, Louisville 2
Washington 1, Chicago 1
Orlando at San Diego, late
Angel City at Portland, late

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 5p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6
San Diego at Washington, noon
Louisville at Orlando, 6p.m.
Portland at North Carolina, 6p.m.
Houston at OL Reign, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
North Carolina 1, Houston 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	33	23	6	4	78	38	75
Man City	31	23	4	4	82	29	73
Newcastle	32	17	11	4	58	26	62
Man United	31	18	6	7	48	39	60
Tottenham	33	16	6	11	60	53	54
Aston Villa	33	16	6	11	46	41	54
Liverpool	32	15	8	9	61	39	53
Brighton	31	15	7	9	61	40	52
Brentford	34	12	14	8	52	44	50
Fulham	32	13	6	13	44	43	45
Crystal Palace	34	10	10	14	35	45	40
Chelsea	32	10	9	13	30	35	39
Wolverhampton	34	10	7	17	29	50	37
Bournemouth	33	10	6	17	32	63	36
West Ham	33	9	7	17	37	47	34
Leeds	33	7	9	17	42	63	30
Notting. Forest	34	7	9	18	30	62	30
Leicester	33	8	5	20	44	57	29
Everton	33	6	10	17	25	50	28
Southampton	33	6	6	21	27	57	24

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Crystal Palace 4, West Ham 3
Brentford 2, Notting. Forest 1
Brighton 6, Wolverhampton 0
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, ppd.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 8a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Leicester vs. Everton, 2p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Liverpool vs. Fulham, 2p.m.
Man City vs. West Ham, 2p.m.

NFL

DRAFT SELECTIONS

FOURTH ROUND
103. NO: Nick Saldiveri, g, Old Dominion.
104. LV: Jakorian Bennett, cb, Maryland.
105. Phi: Kelee Ringo, cb, Georgia.
106. Ind: Blake Freeland, ot, BYU.
107. NE: Jake Andrews, c, Troy.
108. Sea: Anthony Bradford, g, LSU.
109. Hou: Dylan Horton, edge, TCU.
110. Ind: Adetomiwa Adebawore, dt, N'wstrn.
111. Cle: Dawand Jones, ot, Ohio State.
112. NE: Chad Ryland, k, Maryland.
113. Atl: Clark Phillips III, cb, Utah.
114. Caro: Chandler Zavala, g, NC State.
115. Chi: Roschon Johnson, rb, Texas.
116. GB: Colby Wooden, de, Auburn.
117. NE: Sidy Sow, g, E. Michigan.
118. Wash: Braeden Daniels, g, Utah.
119. KC: Chamarri Conner, cb, Virginia Tech.
120. NYJ: Carter Warren, ot, Pittsburgh.
121. Jax: Ventrell Miller, lb, Florida.
122. Ari: Jon Gaines II, g, UCLA.
123. Sea: Cameron Young, dt, Mississippi St.
124. Bal: Tavius Robinson, edge, Mississippi.
125. LAC: Derius Davis, wr, TCU.
126. Cle: Isaiah McGuire, de, Missouri.
127. NO: Jake Haener, qb, Fresno State.
128. LAR: Stetson Bennett, qb, Georgia.
129. Dal: Viliami Fehoko Jr., de, San Jose St.
130. Jax: Tyler Lacy, de, Oklahoma St.
131. Cin: Charlie Jones, wr, Purdue.
132. Pitt: Nick Herbig, lb, Wisconsin.
133. Chi: Tyler Scott, wr, Cincinnati.
134. Min: Jay Ward, cb, LSU.
COMPENSATORY SELECTIONS
135. LV: Adrian O'Connell, qb, Purdue.
FIFTH ROUND
136. Jax: Yasir Abdullah, lb, Louisville.
137. Wash: KJ Henry, de, Clemson.
138. Ind: Darius Rush, cb, S. Carolina.
139. Ari: Clayton Tune, qb, Houston.
140. Cle: Dorian Thompson-Robinson, qb, UCLA.
141. Min: Jaquelin Roy, dt, LSU.
142. Cle: Cameron Mitchell, cb, N'wstrn.
143. NYJ: Israel Abanikanda, rb, Pittsburgh.
144. NE: Antonio Mafi, g, UCLA.
145. Caro: Jammie Robinson, s, Florida St.
146. NO: Jordan Howden, s, Minnesota.
147. Tenn: Josh Whyle, te, Cincinnati.
148. Chi: Noah Sewell, lb, Oregon.
149. GB: Sean Clifford, qb, Penn State.
150. Buff: Justin Shorter, wr, Florida.
151. Sea: Mike Morris, de, Michigan.
152. Det: Colby Sorsdal, ot, Wm & Mary.
153. TB: SirVocea Dennis, lb, Pittsburgh.
154. Sea: Olu Oluwatimi, c, Michigan.
155. SF: Darrell Luter Jr., cb, S. Alabama.
156. LAC: Jordan McFadden, g, Clemson.
157. Balt: Kyu Blu Kelly, cb, Stanford.
158. Ind: Daniel Scott, s, California.
159. GB: Dontayvion Wicks, wr, Virginia.
160. Jax: Antonio Johnson, s, Texas A&M.
161. LAR: Nick Hampton, de, Appal. St.
162. Ind: Will Mallory, te, Miami.
163. Cin: Chase Brown, rb, Illinois.
164. Min: Jaren Hall, qb, BYU.
165. Chi: Terell Smith, cb, Minnesota.
166. KC: BJ Thompson, edge, S.F. Austin.
COMPENSATORY SELECTIONS
167. Hou: Henry To'oTo'o, lb, Alabama.
168. Ari: Owen Pappoe, lb, Auburn.
169. Dal: Asim Richards, ot, N. Carolina.
170. LV: Christopher Smith II, s, Georgia.
171. TB: Payne Durham, te, Purdue.
172. NYG: Eric Gray, rb, Oklahoma.
173. SF: Robert Beal Jr., edge, Georgia.
174. LAR: Warren McClendon Jr., ot, Georgia.
175. LAR: Davis Allen, te, Clemson.
176. Ind: Evan Hull, rb, Northwestern.
177. LAR: Puka Nacua, wr, BYU.
SIXTH ROUND
178. Dal: Eric Scott Jr., cb, So.Miss.
179. GB: Karl Brooks, dt, Bowling Green.
180. Ari: Ke'Trel Clark, cb, Louisville.
181. TB: Josh Hayes, db, Kansas State.
182. LAR: Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson, cb, TCU.
183. Den: JL Skinner, s, Boise State.
184. NYJ: Zaire Barnes, lb, W. Michigan.
185. Jax: Parker Washington, wr, Penn St.
186. Tenn: Jaelyn Duncan, ot, Maryland.
187. NE: Kayshon Boutte, wr, LSU.
188. Phi: Tanner McKee, qb, Stanford.
189. LAR: Ochaun Mathis, edge, Nebraska.
190. Cle: Luke Wypler, c, Ohio State.
191. TB: Trey Palmer, wr, Nebraska.
192. NE: Bryce Baringer, p, Michigan St.
193. Wash: Chris Rodriguez Jr., rb, Kentucky.
194. KC: Keondre Coburn, dt, Texas.
195. NO: A.T. Perry, wr, Wake Forest.
196. TB: Jose Ramirez, edge, E. Michigan.
197. Mia: Elijah Higgins, wr, Stanford.
198. Sea: Jerrick Reed II, s, New Mexico.
199. Bal: Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu, ot, Oregon.
200. LAC: Scott Matlock, dt, Boise St.
201. Hou: Jarrett Patterson, c, Notre Dame.
202. Jax: Christian Braswell, cb, Rutgers.
203. LV: Amari Burney, lb, Florida.
204. NYJ: Jarrick Bernard-Converse, cb, LSU.
205. Hou: Xavier Hutchinson, wr, Iowa St.
206. Cin: Andrei Iosivas, wr, Princeton.
207. GB: Anders Carlson, k, Auburn.
208. Jax: Erick Hallett, db, Pittsburgh.
209. NYG: Tre Hawkins III, cb, Old Dom.
COMPENSATORY SELECTIONS
210. NE: Demario Douglas, wr, Liberty.
211. Ind: Titus Leo, edge, Wagner.
212. Dal: Deuce Vaughn, rb, Kansas State.
213. Ari: Dante Stills, dt, West Virginia.
214. NE: Ameer Speed, db, Michigan St.
215. LAR: Zach Evans, rb, Mississippi St.
216. SF: Dee Winters, lb, TCU.
217. Cin: Brad Robbins, p, Michigan.
SEVENTH ROUND
218. Chi: Travis Bell, dt, Kennesaw St.
219. Det: Antoine Green, wr, N. Carolina.
220. NYJ: Zack Kuntz, te, Old Dominion.
221. Ind: Jaylon Jones, cb, Texas A&M.
222. Min: DeWayne McBride, rb, UAB.
223. LAR: Ethan Evans, p, Wingate.
224. Atl: DeMarcco Hellams, s, Alabama.
225. Atl: Jovaughn Gwyn, g, S. Carolina.
226. Jax: Cooper Hodges, ot, Appal. St.
227. Jax: Raymond Vohasek, dt, N. Carolina.
228. Ten: Colton Dowell, wr, UT-Martin.
229. Bal: Andrew Vorhees, g, USC.
230. Buf: Nick Broeker, g, Mississippi.
231. LV: Nesta Jade Silvera, dt, Arizona St.
232. GB: Carrington Valentine, cb, Kentucky.
233. Wash: Andre Jones Jr., edge, Louisiana.
234. LAR: Jason Taylor II, s, Oklahoma St.
235. GB: Lew Nichols III, rb, C. Michigan.
236. Ind: Jake Witt, ot, N. Michigan.
237. Seattle: Kenny McIntosh, rb, Georgia.
238. Mia: Ryan Hayes, ot, Michigan.
239. LAC: Max Duggan, qb, TCU.
240. Jax: Derek Parish, edge, Houston.
241. Pitt: Cory Trice Jr., cb, Purdue.
242. GB: Anthony Johnson, cb, Virginia.
243. NYG: Jordan Riley, dt, Oregon.
244. Dal: Jalen Brooks, wr, So. Carolina.
245. NE: Isaiah Bolden, cb, Jackson St.
246. Cincinnati, D.J. Ivey, db, Miami.
247. SF: Brayden Willis, te, Oklahoma.
248. Hou: Brandon Hill, s, Pittsburgh.
249. Phi: Moro Ojomo, dt, Texas.
COMPENSATORY SELECTIONS
250. KC: Nic Jones, cb, Ball State.
251. Pitt: Spencer Anderson, g, Maryland.
252. Buf: Alex Austin, cb, Oregon State.
253. SF: Ronnie Bell, wr, Michigan.
254. NYG: Gervarrius Owens, s, Houston.
255. SF: Jalen Graham, lb, Purdue.
256. GB: Grant DuBose, wr, Charlotte.
257. Den: Alex Forsyth, c, Oregon.
258. Chi: Kendall Williamson, db, Stanford.
259. LAR: Desjuan Johnson, de, Toledo.

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	2	0	0	1.000	53	23
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	18	42
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	105	77
Birmingham	2	1	0	1.000	100	57
Houston	1	2	0	.333	74	93
Memphis	0	3	0	.000	51	99

WEEK 3

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New Orleans 45, Birmingham 31
Houston 30, Memphis 26
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11a.m.
New Jersey at Michigan, 3p.m.

WEEK 4

SATURDAY, MAY 6
Houston at Philadelphia, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Orleans at New Jersey, 2p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 5:30p.m.

XFL FOOTBALL

PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Arlington 26, Houston 11

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Seattle at DC, 2 p.m.

May 13, XFL Championship Game

GOLF

PGA MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA

3rd of 4 rounds, The Norman Course at Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico 7,456 yards; Par: 71

Tony Finau	65-64-65—194	-19
Akshay Bhatia	68-65-63—196	-17
Jon Rahm	67-68-61—196	-17
Brandon Wu	66-64-67—197	-16
Will Gordon	67-66-67—200	-13
Austin Smotherman	63-70-68—201	-12
Eric Cole	65-68-69—202	-11
Andrew Putnam	67-66-69—202	-11
Erik Van Rooyen	64-66-72—202	-11
Cameron Champ	68-66-69—203	-10
Emiliano Grillo	68-68-67—203	-10
Ben Taylor	67-70-66—203	-10
Carson Young	67-71-65—203	-10
Michael Kim	68-67-69—204	-9
Kevin Roy	67-72-65—204	-9
Jimmy Walker	67-67-70—204	-9
Joseph Bramlett	68-70-67—205	-8
Kevin Chappell	72-67-66—205	-8
Beau Hossler	67-68-70—205	-8
Vincent Norrman	67-71-67—205	-8
Raul Pereda	65-70-70—205	-8
Dylan Wu	68-71-66—205	-8
Harry Hall	67-71-68—206	-7
Charley Hoffman	71-67-68—206	-7
Stephan Jaeger	65-71-70—206	-7
Seonghyeon Kim	69-69-68—206	-7
Francesco Molinari	68-70-68—206	-7
Scott Piercy	72-65-69—206	-7
Gary Woodland	67-73-66—206	-7
Aaron Baddeley	70-68-69—207	-6
Austin Cook	66-70-71—207	-6
Derek Ernst	68-69-70—207	-6
James Hahn	67-72-68—207	-6
Mark Hubbard	68-70-69—207	-6
Nate Lashley	69-70-68—207	-6
Ben Martin	68-66-73—207	-6
Ryan Moore	73-67-67—207	-6
Andrew Novak	67-72-68—207	-6
Geoff Ogilvy	70-68-69—207	-6

LIV GOLF SINGAPORE

2nd of 3 rounds,Sentosa Golf Club, Singapore, 7,423 yards, Par: 71

Teams Scores

Rangegoats GC: (B.Watson-c, T.Pieters, T.Gooch, H.Varner)	-25
HyFlyers GC: (P.Mickelson-c, B.Steele, J.Piot, C.Tringale)	-25
Ripper GC: (C.Smith-c, M.Leishman, J.Morgan, M.Jones)	-22
Iron Heads GC: (K.Na-c, S.Vincent, D.Lee, S.Kim)	-21
Fireballs GC: (S.Garcia-c, A.Ancer, E.Lopez-Chacarra, C.Ortiz	-21
Torque GC: (J.Niemann-c, D.Puig, M.Pereira, S.Munoz)	-20
Smash GC: (B.Koepka-c, M.Wolf, C.Koepka, J.Kokrak)	-17
4 Aces GC: (D.Johnson-c, P.Uihlein, P.Perez, P.Reed)	-16
Crushers GC: (B.DeChambeau-c, C.Howell, A.Lahiri, P.Casey)	-12
Stinger GC: (L.Oosthuizen-c, D.Burmester, C,Schwartzel, B.Grace)	-12
Cleeks GC: (M.Kaymer-c,G.McDowell, R.Bland, L.Canter, B.Wiesberger)	-9
Majesticks GC: (I.Poulter-c, M.Kaymer, L.Westwood, H.Stenson)	-5

Individual leaders

Sergio Garcia	65-64—129	-13
Talor Gooch	64-65—129	-13
Brooks Koepka	65-65—130	-12
Scott Vincent	69-62—131	-11
Cameron Tringale	65-66—131	-11
Cameron Smith	65-66—131	-11
Phil Mickelson	66-66—132	-10
Mito Pereira	67-66—133	-9
Jason Kokrak	67-68—135	-7
Louis Oosthuizen	66-69—135	-7
Bubba Watson	70-66—136	-6
Joaquin Niemann	70-66—136	-6
Bryson DeChambeau	66-70—136	-6
Matt Jones	70-67—137	-5
Peter Uihlein	69-68—137	-5
Harold Varner III	71-66—137	-5
Marc Leishman	69-68—137	-5
Jediah Morgan	70-67—137	-5
Carlos Ortiz	73-64—137	-5
Danny Lee	68-69—137	-5
Patrick Reed	67-70—137	-5
Kevin Na	68-69—137	-5
Dustin Johnson	69-68—137	-5
Thomas Pieters	70-68—138	-4

JM EAGLE LA CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rounds, Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles, 6,447 yards, Par: 71

Cheyenne Knight	68-69-67—204	-9
Hannah Green	68-69-69—206	-7
Hae-Ran Ryu	67-72-67—206	-7
Gemma Dryburgh	65-76-66—207	-6
Aditi Ashok	66-70-72—208	-5
Xiyu Lin	68-74-66—208	-5
Na Rin An	71-70-68—209	-4
Ally Ewing	71-71-67—209	-4
Sarah Kemp	70-68-71—209	-4
Alison Lee	67-71-71—209	-4
Ruoning Yin	68-73-68—209	-4
Nasa Hataoka	70-71-69—210	-3
Nelly Korda	69-71-70—210	-3
Ines Laklalech	70-70-70—210	-3
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	72-71-67—210	-3
Jaravee Boonchant	69-72-70—211	-2
Lauren Coughlin	70-71-70—211	-2
Perrine Delacour	69-72-70—211	-2
Ayaka Furue	69-70-72—211	-2
Charley Hull	72-70-69—211	-2
Pernilla Lindberg	67-70-74—211	-2
Ryann O'Toole	68-75-68—211	-2
Atthaya Thitikul	70-73-68—211	-2
Yu-Sang Hou	69-74-69—212	-1
Caroline Inglis	66-74-72—212	-1
Hyo Joo Kim	70-70-72—212	-1
Stephanie Kyriacou	71-72-69—212	-1
Hinako Shibuno	70-72-70—212	-1
Linnea Strom	68-70-74—212	-1
Emma Talley	70-72-70—212	-1
Eun-Hee Ji	71-72-70—213	E
In-Kyung Kim	73-69-71—213	E
Min Lee	71-69-73—213	E
Minjee Lee	65-76-72—213	E
Stacy Lewis	72-71-70—213	E
Brittany Lincicome	72-68-73—213	E

CHAMPIONS INSPERITY INVITATIONAL

2nd of 3 rounds, Tournament Course, The Woodlands, Texas, 7,002 yards, Par: 72

Steven Alker	66-69—135	-9
Ernie Els	68-70—138	-6
Matt Gogel	67-71—138	-6
David Toms	67-71—138	-6
Miguel Angel Jimenez	70-70—140	-4
Colin Montgomerie	66-74—140	-4
Steve Stricker	68-72—140	-4
Ken Tanigawa	69-71—140	-4
Stephen Ames	69-72—141	-3
Billy Andrade	70-71—141	-3
Marco Dawson	69-72—141	-3
Glen Day	70-71—141	-3
Justin Leonard	66-75—141	-3
Paul Broadhurst	69-73—142	-2
Jason Bohn	71-72—143	-1
Bob Estes	70-73—143	-1
Jerry Kelly	71-72—143	-1
Olin Browne	71-73—144	E
Joe Durant	73-71—144	E
Brett Quigley	69-75—144	E
Vijay Singh	74-70—144	E
Mike Weir	69-75—144	E
Stuart Appleby	70-75—145	+1
Chris DiMarco	69-76—145	+1
Ken Duke	71-74—145	+1
Paul Goydos	69-76—145	+1
Richard Green	70-75—145	+1
Padraig Harrington	71-74—145	+1
Scott McCarron	73-72—145	+1
Scott Parel	70-75—145	+1
Wes Short	68-77—145	+1
Paul Stankowski	71-74—145	+1
Scott Dunlap	73-73—146	+2

DK KOREA CHAMPIONSHIP

Partial 3rd of 4 rounds, The Jack Nicklous Golf Club Korea, Incheon, South Korea, 7,470 yards, Par: 72

Robert Macintyre	69-70-69—208	-8
Scott Jamieson	73-65-71—209	-7
Adrian Meronk	72-68-70—210	-6
Richard Mansell	74-68-68—210	-6
Marcus Helligkilde	70-72-68—210	-6
Yonggu Shin	72-66-73—211	-5
Kyungnam Kang	71-68-72—211	-5
Junggon Hwang	70-69-72—211	-5
Aaron Cockerill	72-68-71—211	-5
Marcel Schneider	71-69-71—211	-5
Mingyu Cho	71-70-70—211	-5
Clement Sordet	73-69-70—212	-4
Sangmoon Bae	69-73-70—212	-4
Taehoon Ok	69-69-75—213	-3
Bio Kim, Sout	69-70-74—213	-3
Junghwan Lee	71-70-72—213	-3
Andy Sullivan	67-75-71—213	-3
Galam Jeon	71-71-71—213	-3
Fabrizio Zanotti	72-70-71—213	-3
Eunshin Park	71-72-70—213	-3
Tapio Pulkkanen	69-70-75—214	-2
Joost Luiten	73-66-75—214	-2
Jiho Yang	69-70-75—214	-2
Jorge Campillo	69-72-73—214	-2
Jordan Smith	74-68-72—214	-2
Jeong-weon Ko	72-70-72—214	-2

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Aaron Gordon
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Nuggets' Jamal Murray (27) outlets the ball while guarded by the Suns' Kevin Durant in Saturday's matchup in Denver. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY

NBA PLAYOFFS

Nuggets open with statement

Associated Press

Jamal Murray scored 34 points, hitting six of the Nuggets' 16 3-pointers, and they sprinted past the Suns 125-107 on Saturday night in Game 1 of their second-round series.

Reigning back-to-back NBA MVP Nikola Jokic had 24 points and 19 rebounds, while Aaron Gordon finished with 23 points for the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference. But this was the Murray Show, where he went 6 of 10 from 3-point land and frequently exhorted for more noise from the already raucous crowd.

Kevin Durant scored 29 points for the Suns, with Devin Booker adding 27 and Chris Paul 11. Booker averaged 37.2 points in a first-round series win over the Clippers.

Game 2 is Monday night in Denver.

This is a different sort of playoff series than two years ago, when the Suns swept the Nuggets in the second round. Back then, the Nuggets were without Murray after he tore his ACL.

Now healthy, Murray is flashing his 2020 form inside the NBA bubble that helped the Nuggets advance to the Western Conference finals.

Murray had the play of the night when he stole a pass, split defenders Paul and Durant at top speed and knocked in a layup high off the glass. It brought the capacity crowd to its feet.

The dynamic point guard was far from done energizing the fans, hitting a 3-pointer with just under 7 minutes remaining. He implored them for more noise, even holding a hand to his ear.

Leading 106-95 with 7:40 remaining, the Nuggets went on a 14-0 run to put away the game. The Nuggets led by as much as 25 and improved to 38-7 at home through the regular season and playoffs.

The difference was the 3-point line, where the Nuggets outscored the Suns by a 48-21 margin.

To stop Durant, the Nuggets used a multitude of defenders. He went 12 of 19 from the floor, but 1 of 3 on 3-pointers.

Durant has 4,730 playoff points to move closer to passing Karl Malone (4,761) seventh place on the NBA's postseason points leaderboard.

Injured Embiid 'doubtful' for Game 1: 76ers coach Doc Rivers says NBA MVP finalist Joel Embiid is doubtful for Game 1 of the playoff series against the Celtics with a sprained right knee.

Embiid was examined by doctors this week and has yet to practice ahead of Monday's Eastern Conference semifinals opener at Boston.

The 76ers have had the longest break of any NBA team after they swept the Nets last Saturday. Embiid was hurt in Game 3 and missed the next game.

"If I was a betting man, I would probably say doubtful for at least Game 1, but we'll see," Rivers said Saturday at the 76ers' facility in New Jersey. "He has to get better.

"He did nothing (today). Just wasn't able to and obviously we were hopeful for today."

The 29-year-old Embiid, from Cameroon, averaged 33.1 points this season to win his second straight scoring title. He also averaged 10.2 rebounds and tied a career high with 4.2 assists per game. He played in 66 games, the second-highest total of his career.

IN BRIEF

Tavares' goal in OT gives Leafs series win

News services

John Tavares scored 4:35 into overtime, and the Maple Leafs beat the Lightning 2-1 on Saturday night for their first NHL playoff series win in nearly two decades.

The Maple Leafs won the best-of-seven matchup in six games, winning three times in overtime on the road and ending an 11-game losing streak in elimination games. They advanced in a series for the first time since 2004, a frustrating drought that included first-round exits each of the past six seasons. The loss, meanwhile, ends the Lightning run of three consecutive appearances in the Stanley Cup Final. The Lightning won back-to-back championships in 2020 and 2021, but they lost to the Avalanche in six games last year.

Auston Matthews also scored for the Maple Leafs, beating Andrei Vasilevskiy from the top of the right circle at 13:47 of the second period. Tavares added the winner, which trickled past the Lightning goalie after appearing to deflect off a defender's skate.

Steven Stamkos scored for the Lightning, which a year ago rallied from 2-1 and 3-2 series deficits to eliminate the Leafs in the first round in seven games.

■ Avalanche forward Andrew Cogliano suffered a fracture in his neck during Game 6 in Seattle on Friday. Cogliano is sidelined indefinitely.

Auto racing: Ryan Truex won his first career NASCAR race after 188 starts across all three national series on Saturday, taking the checkered flag in the Xfinity Series race at Dover Motor Speedway.

Basketball: The United States will open Basketball World Cup play against New Zealand this summer, with Greece and Jordan also awaiting the Americans in the group stage.

Golf: Tony Finau had a terrific stretch at the Mexico Open on Saturday, posting five birdies over his last seven holes for a 6-under 65 that gave him a two-shot lead over Masters champion Jon Rahm and 21-year-old Akshay Bhatia.

The 2023 Volvo XC40 Recharge is a small electric luxury SUV with an EPA estimated range of up to 223 miles. **VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA**

ELECTRIC LUXURY

Edmunds compares Volvo XC40 Recharge and Audi Q4 e-tron to determine the better buy

By Alex Nishimoto
Edmunds

With its original e-tron, Audi was one of the first luxury European automakers to offer an electric vehicle. Last year, it expanded its lineup with the more affordable Q4 e-tron. Slotting between two gas-powered models, the smaller Q3 and the larger Q5, the Q4 e-tron is an all-electric compact luxury SUV. It has a lot going for it but it's not the only small European luxury EV vying for your attention. Another top option is the Volvo XC40 Recharge. It's based on the brand's stylish XC40 but is powered by electricity instead of gasoline. The car experts at Edmunds compare them to find out which one is the better buy.

The 2023 Audi Q4 e-tron is a small electric luxury SUV with an EPA-estimated range of 265 miles. **AUDI AG**

Performance and range

Audi offers the Q4 e-tron in two powertrain configurations: a single-motor base version that makes 201 horsepower and a dual-motor all-wheel-drive setup good for 295 horsepower. The latter variant accelerated from zero to 60 mph in a respectable 5.7 seconds in Edmunds' testing. It also delivered responsive handling and proved to be plenty maneuverable in tight parking lots.

The XC40 Recharge is also agile and tossable, but it has the bonus of being significantly more powerful. The XC40 Recharge is offered in a single impressive configuration: a dual-motor all-wheel-drive layout with 402 horsepower. Not surprisingly, the Volvo was quicker in testing, needing just 4.5 seconds to reach 60 mph. Additionally, the XC40 Recharge offers a full one-pedal driving mode that allows it to come to a stop without the driver touching the brake pedal. In the Audi, you still have to touch the brakes to fully stop.

On paper, the XC40 Recharge's 223-mile battery range is disappointing. The similarly priced Tesla Model Y Long Range, for example, has an EPA-estimated range of 317 miles. That said, the small Volvo SUV performed better in Edmunds' real-world range tests. A 2021 model with a lower 208-mile EPA estimate managed to travel 240 miles, so you can likely expect a newer one with the higher estimated range to exceed that. A dual-motor Q4 e-tron has an EPA-estimated range of up to 242 miles and was also able to beat that in Edmunds' testing, going 270 miles. The single-motor Q4 e-tron, which Edmunds hasn't range-tested, offers the most of the group here, with an EPA-estimated 265 miles.

This category comes down to personal preference. The Audi can likely go farther on a single charge, but the Volvo is more entertaining to drive.

Winner: tie

Interior and tech

The Q4 e-tron's cabin is proof that Audi knows how to design an interior. It's modern and classy with a distinct upscale feel. For the most part, the materials are top-notch, though there are some hard plastics that feel out of place. The wide 11.6-inch central touchscreen is responsive and has menus that are easy to navigate. There's also an available premium audio system tuned by speaker manufacturer Sonos that provides an immersive listening experience.

The XC40 Recharge's interior is cleanly designed with premium touches that are understated but noticeable once you're sitting inside. The seats are comfortable but might not feel luxurious enough for some. The XC40 Recharge uses a Google-based in-car operating system that integrates many apps like Google Maps, Spotify and the voice-controlled Google Assistant. These features can be pretty handy but require a steady data connection to work at their best.

Both electric SUVs are fairly spacious for their size. The cargo room behind the rear seats is about the same, but one advantage the Volvo enjoys over the Audi is a small front trunk or "frunk" that can fit a small bag or other odds and ends. It's a close call, but Audi's interior wins for its poshness and less finicky infotainment setup.

Winner: Audi Q4 e-tron

Pricing and value

The Audi has the lower starting price at $50,995, but with the base Q4 40 e-tron you have to make do with far less power than the Volvo, which starts around $55,000. But if you want to load up either model with some of the premium features you'd want in a luxury car, the XC40 tops out for less money. While the Audi Q4 50 e-tron is a closer match in terms of power, it quickly eclipses the XC40 in price and makes less power than its Scandinavian rival.

Warranty coverage is about the same for both, though the Volvo includes two years of free maintenance.

Neither qualifies for a federal tax credit under the latest legislation.

Winner: Volvo XC40 Recharge

Edmunds says: Between these two EVs, we'd pick the XC40 for its quicker acceleration, adequate real-world range, and comfortable and stylish interior. But if your main priority is range, you'd likely be better served by the Q4 e-tron.

These American EV models will qualify buyers for full $7,500 tax credit

By Russ Mitchell
Los Angeles Times

While President Joe Biden is eager to accelerate the nation's rapid transition to electric vehicles, he'll only subsidize your EV purchase if you buy American. And the options right now are slim.

The Biden administration in April released its list of EVs that qualify for a full $7,500 federal tax credit.

Out of more than 90 EV models available today, only 10 qualify and they're all from American car companies.

Eight are all-electric, and two are plug-in hybrids.

- Chrysler Pacifica
- Ford F-150 Lightning pickup
- Lincoln Aviator Grand Touring
- Cadillac Lyriq
- Tesla Model 3
- Tesla Model Y
- Chevrolet Bolt
- Chevrolet Blazer
- Chevrolet Equinox
- Chevrolet Silverado pickup

There's an upper limit on the suggested retail price of $55,000 for the Chevy Bolt and the Tesla Model 3. The limit is $80,000 on the rest. The Pacifica minivan and the Lincoln SUV are the two plug-in hybrids.

Seven vehicles qualified for half-credits, or $3,750.

- Ford Escape plug-in hybrid
- Ford E-Transit
- Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Jeep Grand Cherokee plug-in hybrid
- Jeep Wrangler plug-in hybrid
- Lincoln Corsair Grand Touring
- Tesla Model 3 standard range rear-wheel drive

No longer eligible are cars from Volkswagen, Hyundai, Kia, Nissan, BMW, Volvo and Rivian. EVs from those carmakers, under rules interpreted by the U.S. Treasury, don't source enough of their battery components or raw materials from North America to qualify.

Chevrolet's all-electric 2024 Silverado EV made the April list of vehicles eligible for the full federal tax credit. **CHEVROLET**

The 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid. **TOYOTA**

AUTO REVIEW

New Toyota hybrid SUV practical, economical ride

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

You have to admire former Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda's attempt to instill excitement into Toyota's many cars, trucks and SUVs. Yet you can't help wondering if the command to instill life into its vehicles isn't working against the brand's DNA. Toyotas have long been like the decades-old Holiday Inn advertising slogan: The best surprise is no surprise.

Traditionally, Toyotas are well-built, reliable and economical. They are reasonably, but not outrageously, styled. Personality? Not so much. But the marque's many fans aren't looking for that; they are looking for a transportation appliance. And Toyota grew to the top of the heap by building just that, for the most part, and it is masterful at pleasing this constituency. And there's nothing wrong with that. But lately, many of the models seem to be trying too hard to be exciting.

So it's a relief to drive the 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid, a fuel-sipping variant of the Corolla Cross crossover SUV.

Like its conventionally powered sibling, and unlike some other Hybrids in the Toyota lineup, the 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid is not an object of emotion or passion.

Consider its face. Unlike the belligerent look of other Toyotas, its simple frowning countenance is a relief. There's an air of modesty to this box. You'll note a distinct lack of flashiness here, except for a metallic trim piece that starts at the base of the windshield and runs along the side of the vehicle. Opting for the SE or XSE instead of the base S trim brings privacy glass and roof rails. And being a Corolla, it's 5 inches shorter than the Toyota RAV4. As with the Corolla sedan, you'll find the front seat space satisfactory, but rear seat legroom is more dear and dependent on the kindness of those up front. But cargo space is generous for the vehicle's size.

And yes, there's lots of durable, hard plastic. But the instrument panel boasts a similar design to its sedan siblings, including an 8-inch touchscreen and all the conveniences you need for your modern tech life, including Toyota's new easy-to-use multimedia system with wireless Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and USB-C charge ports. And its standard 4G AT&T hotspot can handle up to five devices.

You won't be surprised by the fact that it performs exactly as you'd expect a Toyota to. It doesn't try to be something it's not. The gas engine's noise is subdued until asked for more power. Then it wails forcefully as the transmission unenthusiastically releases more power. Throttle response feels spongy at times. In other words, it performs like a typical economy car. And it returned a wallet-friendly 39 mpg in mixed driving.

Road and tire noise are audible but not excessive. Cornering causes body lean as you might anticipate, but body motions over bumps are nicely managed, with significant bumps carrying through to the cabin. Although the steering is light with some play on center, there is a touch of road feel.

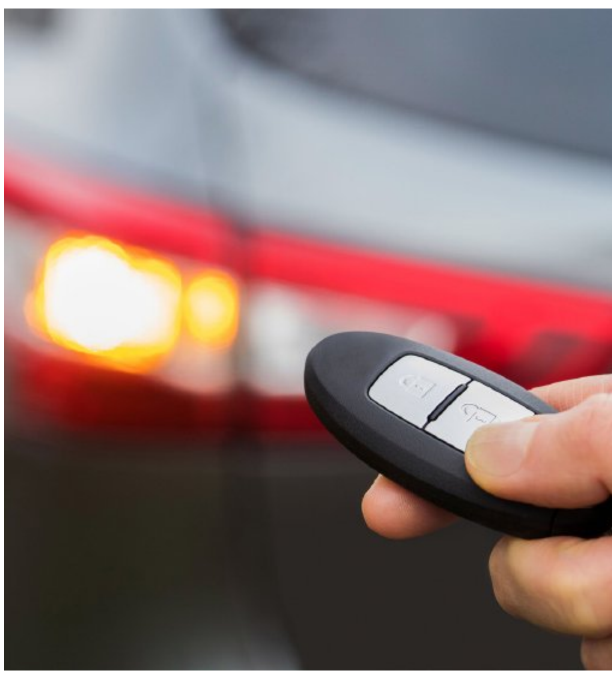
It's a practical, economical robust little buggy that's built to serve. Its lack of glamor is its glamor. That makes it the archetypal Corolla SUV.

2023 TOYOTA COROLLA CROSS HYBRID

Base price: $27,970
Engine: 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and electric motors
Horsepower/Torque: 196/152 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 45/48 mpg
Observed fuel economy: 39 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 176.8/71.9/64.8 in
Ground clearance: 8.1 in
Payload: 1,215 lbs
Cargo capacity: 21.5-61.8 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 1,500 lbs

Where's my second key fob?

Bob Weber
Motormouth



Key fobs are available online, but you will need to go to a locksmith or car dealer to program them. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: We took delivery of a new Toyota in late 2022. The dealer gave us only one key fob and said that the second would be delivered sometime later. We are at four months now and still no key fob. I have checked with the dealer every month and get the same "I don't know" answer. Do your contacts have any idea when we might see them?
— E.M., St. Charles, Illinois
A: I'm afraid I can't twist any arms. But if you are getting stonewalled by the salesperson or parts department, ask to see the dealer principal. If that gets you nowhere and you desperately need another fob, they are available online, but need a locksmith or car dealer to program them.

Q: Thank you for your continuing column on automotive advice. I worked on cars a lot when I was in my teen years and early 20s, and I appreciate the details and common sense that you offer. I have questions about my vehicle's timing chain. When I saw your column (published in 2021), it reinvigorated some of the discussions I had about the timing setup for my 2005 Toyota Scion xB. I noted at the time that it was a timing chain (like the triple primary drive chain on my Harley, with metal links as I imagined it). Does the fact that Toyota calls it a chain make a difference in wear and tear and longevity? Do you have any specific replacement advice for a car such as this with 210,000 miles on it? I have seen posting of people's cars with over 400,000 miles, and so I hope to keep it for quite some time.
— P.C., Clarendon Hills, Illinois
A: Timing chains traditionally have no service interval. They last the life of the vehicle. Keep on motoring!

Q: I am an ASE-certified Master mechanic with 30 years of Cadillac dealer experience and I can't tell you how many oil economy tests I have performed on customers' cars equipped with the infamous HT4100, HT4500, HT4900 engines. I hope this information will shed some light on oil economy usage. One quart per every 1,000 miles is the industry standard. All modern engines use oil, some more than others as you stated, but here is the main reason why. As manufacturer's look for more ways to increase fuel economy, one way is to reduce internal engine drag from the rotating components, mainly the great amount of drag from the pistons going up and down in the cylinders. So, they reduced the amount of tension on all the piston rings, thereby creating a rotating assembly that turns over more freely and causes the engine to operate more efficiently.
— L.C., Chicago
A: Th-th-that's it, folks. Check your oil levels regularly.

Q: Your comment about the minimum amount of space (10 inches) to have between the steering wheel and the driver prompts me to ask about a related issue: Both of my sons-in-law like to drive with their seat tilted back quite far. It has occurred to me that if their airbag deployed it would smack them in the face rather than the chest. This seems dangerous to me, both in terms of the injury that it could cause them, and the airbag being less effective generally than it should be.
— B.C., Minneapolis
A: In the blink of an eye, the airbag inflates, but stays put. The passenger then flies into the bag.

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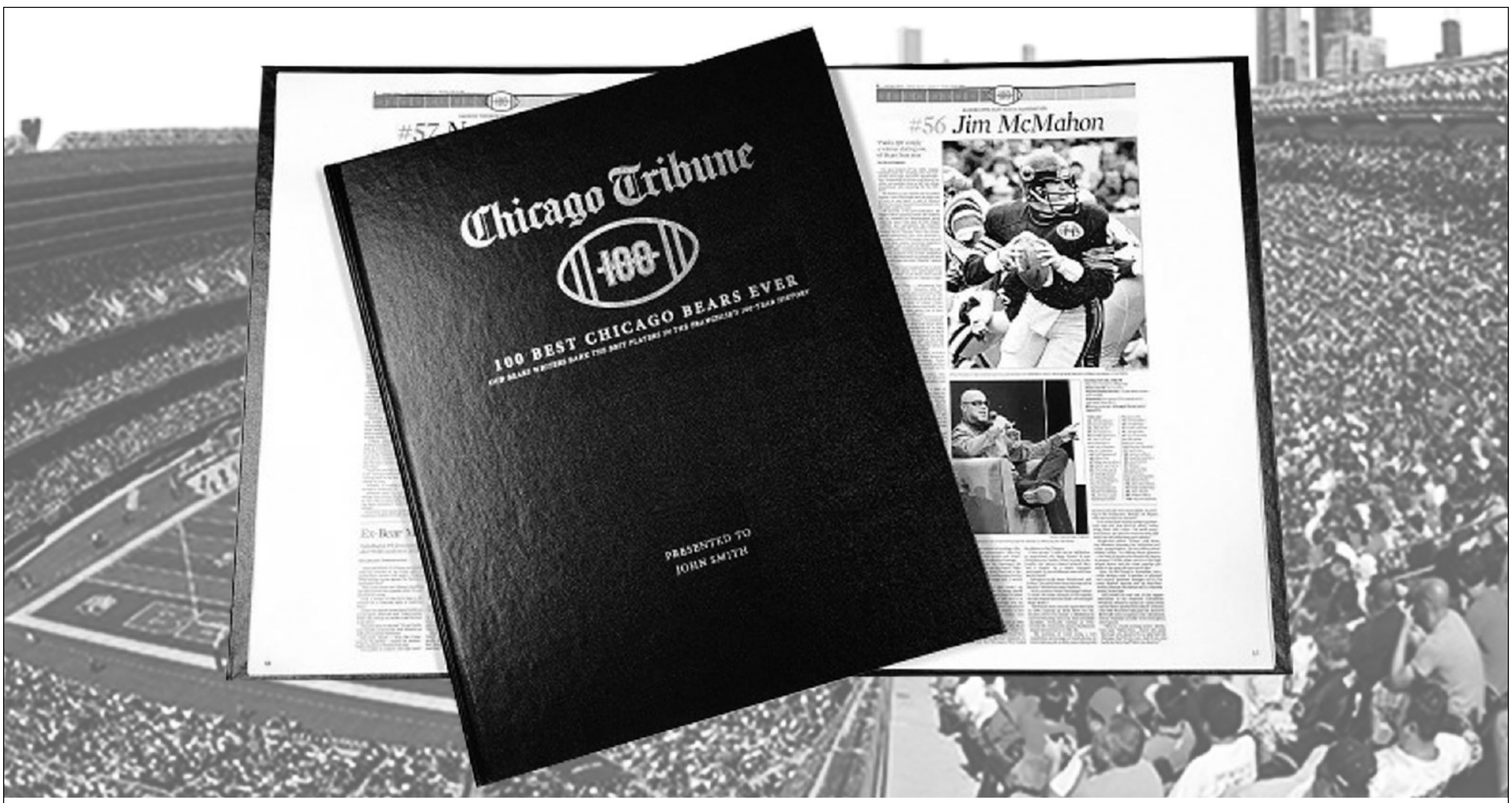

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Vintage game modules from the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons are on display at The Dungeon Hobby Shop and Museum in Lake Geneva, which is in the old offices of TSR, the company Gary Gygax created to sell the game. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Dungeons & Dragons was born in Lake Geneva.

Some devotees of the game are asking, why no statue in the town square?

By Christopher Borrelli
Chicago Tribune

When Ed Schwinn thinks about the history of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin — and as president of the board of directors for the Geneva Lake Museum, he thinks about it quite a bit — he thinks of a summer retreat, a tourist town that has fewer than 10,000 year-round residents. He thinks of his own family living there year-round for 34 years. He thinks of his grandfather, who helped steer the Schwinn Bicycle Company into becoming a household name, buying a second home on the lakefront in the 1920s. He notes that a lot of summer families have long since become permanent residents, though "when I grew up on Lake Geneva, people with homes on the lakefront shut off the water on Labor Day, slipped a key under the mat and went home until May."

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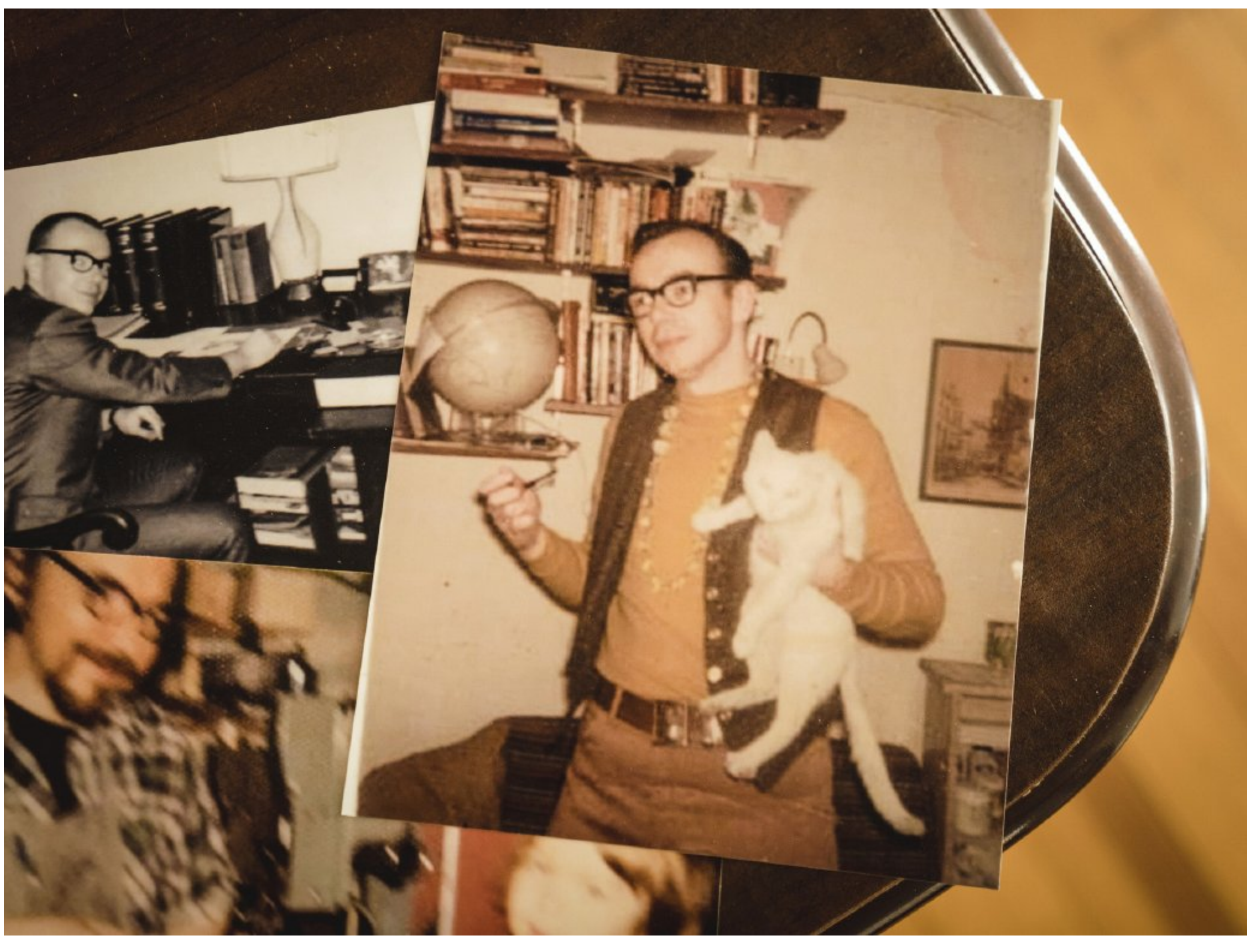

Photographs of Gary Gygax in the Lake Geneva home where he created and first played Dungeons & Dragons in 1974.

In the 'Star Wars' movies we see a reflection of ourselves

Carmelo Esterrich, Columbia College professor and author of "Star Wars Multiverse," at his office on Tuesday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Michael Phillips
On Further Review

Doing anything special for Star Wars Day, other than digging out the old, busted lightsaber in your basement? For old times' sake?

Carmelo Esterrich, Columbia College professor of humanities and cultural studies, knows what he's doing that day, May 4. When he's not teaching or writing, the Downers Grove resident is a fitness instructor at the local park district facility. And on Star Wars Day, "we usually do abdominals to the tune of the John Williams music of 'The Imperial March.' " He laughs a genial sadist's laugh. "It's *really hard*. It makes them scream. So we'll be doing that."

For several years Esterrich, 57, has taught courses on the myth, meaning, political implications and fan fiction generated by "Star Wars." He thinks, reads, and analyzes the cultural, political, sexual and historical meaning of the pop mythology born out of the "Flash Gordon" remake to which George Lucas couldn't secure the rights. The rest is pop cultural and merchandising history.

The 2021 book Esterrich wrote, "Star Wars Multiverse" (published by Rutgers University Press) doesn't deal with filmmaking economics or cinematic critique. Rather, it's a lively and sharp analysis of how a determinedly innocent throwback-turned-phenomenon started out simple, stripping Lucas' memories of "Flash Gordon" and "Buck

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Oak Park native Kara Jackson became the National Youth Poet Laureate in 2019 while entering her freshman year at Smith College. Her new album is "Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love?" **LAWRENCE AGYEI**

Soaring vocals and a poetic perspective

Kara Jackson's debut album is earning raves. Her going from Oak Park to National Youth Poet Laureate was just a start.

By Hannah Edgar
For the Chicago Tribune

Honeyed yet rough-hewed, deep and daring, Kara Jackson has the voice of someone who's lived a lot of life. At 23, she has.

The self-described child of "country folk" who settled in Oak Park, Jackson became the National Youth Poet Laureate in 2019, while entering her freshman year at Smith College. By then, she'd already written a poetry chapbook ("Bloodstone Cowboy," Haymarket Books) and an eloquent, aching four-song EP ("A Song for Every Chamber of the Heart"). Earlier this month, Jackson followed it up with her full-length debut, "Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love?" earning raves from The New Yorker, Pitchfork, NPR and others.

All the while, she was grieving the death of her childhood best friend Maya-Gabrielle Gary, who died of a rare muscle cancer in 2016. When the pandemic interrupted Jackson's freshman year at Smith, she found herself back home in Oak Park and surrounded by memories, like the fastidious way Maya handled her colored pencils in elementary school, or how she won the lead in every high school musical.

"She really was one of the best singers I've ever known. It feels so weird saying that confidently, but to this day, I've never heard a voice like hers. She was someone who shared my dream of being a musician," Jackson says.

When it came time to record her first album, Jackson knew one thing: It had to be dedicated to Maya. The album began as sparse, homemade demos, Jackson playing guitar in her childhood bedroom. But once it was safe to do so, she enlisted musicians Kaina Castillo, Sen Morimoto and Nnamdi Ogbonnaya to assist with production and instrumentals, with additional support from violinist Macie Stewart, guitarist Nick Levine and harpist Elsz. They recorded the album gradually, setting up sessions whenever Jackson was home from college.

"It was really important, being able to work with my friends in the pursuit of honoring a close friend. I don't think I could have done that with anyone else," she muses.

In some ways, Jackson has spent her whole life preparing for "Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love?" Her childhood was filled with music — anything from Jim Croce to Parliament to Three 6 Mafia could be playing through the house. Jackson threw herself into learning as much music as she could: piano lessons from age 5 onward, jazz singing courses at Merit School of Music, teaching herself guitar and banjo. Jackson only discovered poetry later, in high school, but found it tapped the same creative wells as the music she loved.

"It was a natural transition for me because the type of music I liked was very language-heavy," she says. "I definitely apply those same foundations from my work with poetic forms to my music."

Castillo first heard Jackson perform the song that became "no fun/party" at a college send-off show hosted by the literary nonprofit Young Chicago Authors. Even then, she was floored by Jackson's poise.

"This is truly the most special work we have ever done," Castillo says, to nods from Morimoto. "She's writing standards for 2023. It's something timeless, from the perspective of now."

During production, Castillo and Morimoto were awed by Jackson's encyclopedia of musical references, which she seemed able to consult at a moment's notice: early 2000s R&B, Joni Mitchell, Igor Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," the soundtrack to the anime "Hunter x Hunter," and, as Castillo and Morimoto laughingly recall, a very specific chime hit (from Fiona Apple's "Extraordinary Machine," by the way). But the team kept other sections just as Jackson recorded them — with her guitar and iPhone, in her childhood bedroom.

"Something happened that was really special and intimate. Preserving that was important for those handful of moments," Morimoto says.

After Gary died in high school, Jackson funneled her grief into the bitter verses that would become "Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love's" title track. "I've buried old and young / I've watched them lower a saint / we're only waiting our turn / call that living?" she sings over a plangent guitar progression.

When Jackson began work on the album, in 2021, she returned to the song. This time, she added lines not about the heartbreak of Gary's death but the beauty of her life. Listeners can hear the shift, sepulchral instrumentals and four-voice choir (of Jackson, Ogbonnaya, Castillo and Morimoto) giving way to a lush orchestration, like clouds breaking over a field in full bloom. Jackson's vocals soar above it: "We were going to start a band / hijack my folks' minivan / actualize our silly plans / the lifelines written in our hands ..."

"It's a representation of the span of time, and the ways grief is not linear. I was finishing the work that my younger self started," Jackson says.

Though you'd be forgiven for thinking otherwise after hearing "Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love?," Jackson *is* still young. She's living with her folks in Oak Park for now — that is, whenever she's not touring. Between trips to Milwaukee, New York and Tallahassee, she'll pop over to Western Massachusetts in May to walk in her college graduation ceremony. Then, like so many 23-year-olds, she's not sure what comes next.

"I'm definitely taking my time and not rushing anything. If anything, I'm really lucky to have older friends who have been here before. It keeps me from freaking out about having everything figured out — I feel like everyone I've talked to didn't know what was going on till at least 26," she says.

Wherever Jackson lands, one thing is certain: She'll find something to write about, and do it like absolutely no one else.

"Sometimes, especially as Black artists, there's pressure to be virtuosically perfect. What really anchors my own work is this sense that you don't have to go searching for something to write about," she says. "My best friend could be a worthy enough subject to be uplifted. And that's enough."

Hannah Edgar is a freelance writer.

"Why Does the Earth Give Us People to Love?" is out now; karajackson.bandcamp.com

In concert with Durand Jones, 8 p.m. May 9 at Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.; tickets $30-$35 at lh-st.com. Then with Jess Williamson, 8 p.m. May 31 and June 1 at Judson & Moore, 3057 N. Rockwell St.; tickets $25-$27 at judsonandmoore.com

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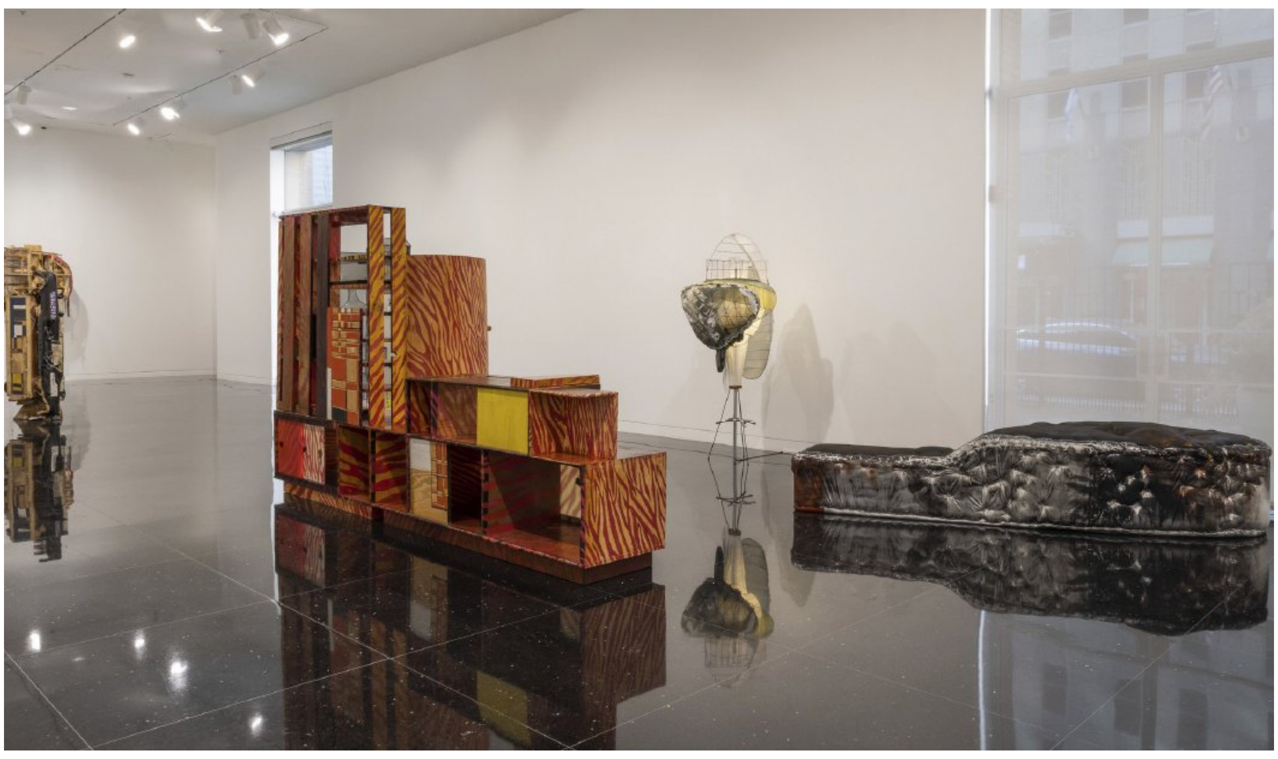
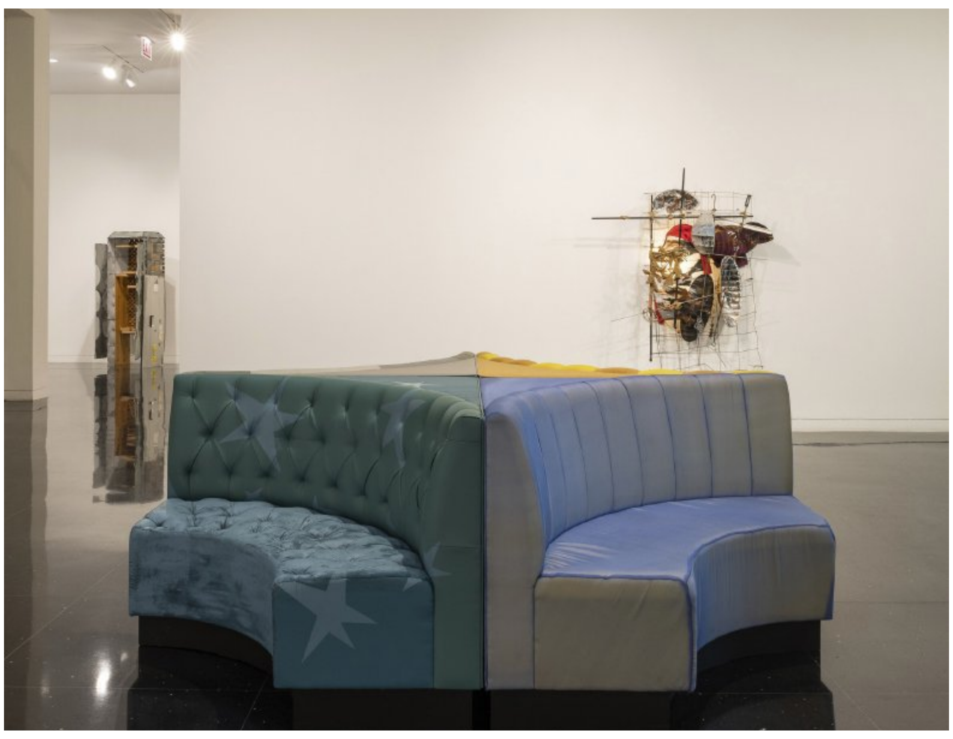
To sit or not to sit

Jessi Reaves shows her furniture sculptures in 'All possessive lusts dispelled' at the Arts Club



Pieces from "Jessi Reaves: All possessive lusts dispelled" at the Arts Club of Chicago. **MICHAEL TROPEA PHOTOS**



By Lori Waxman
For the Chicago Tribune

The galleries of the Arts Club of Chicago are currently filled with objects resembling banquettes, étagères, armoires, sconce lighting, a side table, a modular shelving unit and more. All of it is sculpture, most of it can also be furniture and the difference between the two is an exciting place to spend some time — and maybe to sit down.

Jessi Reaves, the 37-year-old Queens-based artist who made the work on view in "All possessive lusts dispelled," comes at the confusion of furnishing and artwork honestly. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, one of the craftiest cities in the country, she studied furniture design for a semester at the Rhode Island School of Design before taking some time off and then returning to focus on painting. Her jobs post-graduation included doing window displays, installing custom sculptures for the Syfy channel, working as a freelance upholsterer and laboring for a mid-century modern-style furniture maker.

Although her own sculptures could arguably find a home in avant-garde design settings like the annual Milan Furniture Fair, they are shown exclusively in fine art contexts, including the Whitney Biennial and Carnegie International. The one exception, when she collaborated with the fashion designer John Galliano to create usable backdrops for his 2018 spring couture collection, proves the rule. Contemporary art can be all sorts of things — food, environment, conversation, clothing, storage — but it often prefers to be recognized first and foremost as art.

"All possessive lusts dispelled" is Reaves' first exhibit in Chicago, and it's a terrific survey of the work she's done since 2016, though I wish it included some of her experiments with polar fleece as an upholstery fabric for desk chairs and polyurethane foam as a veneer for shelving and an exposed structure for seating. My best guess as to why those works were excluded is their unsexiness. To take the exhibit title at face value, nobody's lusting possessively after fleece- or foam-covered anything. Nothing to dispel there! But a tall, curvy shelving unit sheathed in tightfitting magenta vinyl with strategically placed zippers, partly undone as if to display cleavage? A long, lean ottoman enveloped in bruised silvery fabric, irregularly tufted and looking fit to burst in a few swollen areas? That's some seriously risqué stuff. Other racy elements include hot pink tiger stripes decorating an enormous modular storage unit, sheer leopard print used in a wall lamp, beaded curtains dangling like locks of hair from the top of a shelving unit, punk fabric strapped to the shiny metal rods of a hanging rack, and spit-curl shelves and peekaboo doors on a wardrobe.

Not all of the 21 artworks on exhibit are literally erotic, but even those that aren't contain something desirable. Mostly this is an element of high design, the kind of name-brand furnishings that those in the know might recognize: a Hans Wegner folding chair, Noguchi paper lamps, those cylindrical Kartell plastic side tables, Danish modern anything. These are the things design-conscious people covet in 2023, though mostly they buy reproductions, because who can afford the real thing? And who would know? Reaves might, and her Kartell units are legit, albeit discolored and dirty and suspended in a yellow beribboned coffin, but the rest of the design objects in the show are either found knockoffs or built from scratch. Even the banquettes, which look as if they were ripped out of a diner, were built to spec before being painted and delicately slipcovered, and the central shelving system, which could have been in my grandfather's den, was constructed from a shipping palette, among other materials. Things are not quite what they seem.

Reaves knows her design history well enough, and when she copies, she samples from the best, including a fabulous Pierre Cardin lacquered armoire from 1980 with doors resembling the forewings of a beetle. "Dinner every night (Cardin knockoff cabinet #1)" must have been extremely difficult to make, but it's also defiantly crude. The back panel is pieced together from dozens of mismatched offcuts, filled in with sawdust and glue, and held together by metal braces and screws. The doors are just stretchy fabric tied onto a wire metal frame. The paint and joints are clumpy. An office chair base holds it all up. Is it trashy or luxurious, good taste or bad? Hard to say.

This deliberately shoddy level of finish is one source of the tension in Reaves' sculptures, most of which have a junkiness that's hard to take. You want them, but you also really don't. Some parts are sanded or polished or neatly stitched, but plenty more bear pencil markings, rough edges, exposed hardware, falling-out stuffing and plain old dirt, as if they've just been plucked out of a dumpster. Two cupboards feature banged-up old car parts, left over from repairs done to the artist's vehicle. A wall shelf contains within it a dusty old bamboo corner étagère, swallowed up by swirling cuts of plywood and a black-and-white checkered purse. Excess challenges restraint, while the functional tussles with the purposeless.

Speaking of purpose, did I sit? I regret to say I did not, though I am the kind of person who usually delights in putting on a Hélio Oiticica wearable, walking on a Carl André floor piece, sitting in a Mary Heilmann chair, eating a Rirkrit Tiravanija curry bowl or otherwise trying out anything I have ever been permitted to do in a gallery. But Reaves' show continues through the end of May, so there's time yet to take on her dare.

"Jessi Reaves: All possessive lusts dispelled" runs through May 20 at the Arts Club of Chicago, 201 E. Ontario St.; more information at 312-787-3997 and artsclubchicago.org

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MY WORST MOMENT JACKIE HOFFMAN

Too soon? Her story about a person who had recently died.

By Nina Metz
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Jackie Hoffman stars in "Grease: Rise of the Pink Ladies." **ANDREW WERNER**

A seasoned theater actor known for her way with a blunt, sarcastic line, Jackie Hoffman stars in the Paramount+ prequel series inspired by "Grease," called "Grease: Rise of the Pink Ladies," as assistant principal McGee.

In the original 1978 film, McGee was played by Eve Arden. Is Hoffman's version emulating that or going her own way? "It's tough to ignore Eve Arden and say I'm going to be nothing like her because I adore her, I grew up watching her. So yeah, especially when I do the school announcements, I like to have that sing-songy thing in my voice. But any Jackie Hoffman role can't avoid my darkness."

McGee gets her own song in Episode 5 "and it's really good, I'm so psyched."

Hoffman's other credits include everything from Hulu's "Difficult People," the indie films "Shiva Baby" and "Kissing Jessica Stein," to the animated series "PB&J Otter" and the comedy whodunit "Only Murders in the Building." She also spent seven years in Chicago at Second City from 1987 to 1994.

When asked about a worst moment in her career, she replied: "Probably the most damaging was a gig — well, it wasn't paying — when I hosted a casting directors' awards banquet."

My worst moment ...

"The casting directors throw an awards show for themselves in New York, it's called the Artios Awards. And I was hosting it one year, it might have been early 2000s, and it's an incredible opportunity because you're hosting in front of all the casting directors in the city who do Broadway, TV, film and commercials. It's a chance to show every casting director in town my stuff, and maybe that will help me get future jobs. That's what you hope.

"And part of the evening was, they were paying tribute to a casting director colleague who had passed away very recently. Like, the body isn't even cold yet. So, all night people are getting up and talking about this person.

"I open with a musical number, it does great. I'm doing really well. So I'm thinking: Well, why don't *you* tell a story, Jackie, about your experience with this person who has just died?

"So I tell a story about a hot mess of an audition. And I say, 'Yeah, I remember this guy, *I remember this guy*. He walked into the audition two hours late. He's holding Tiffany's bags and he says, 'I'm sorry, there's no excuse.' Then I get into the casting room and he talks to me about his inhaler and he wants me to teach him how to use his inhaler. So I teach him how to use his inhaler. And then I read for this movie. And he tells me that no matter how hard I try, I'll never be a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. I think maybe that meant I was too much of a Jew for the role? I'll never be appropriate for this role? It was a *disaster*. Needless to say, I didn't get the role.

"So now I've told the most unflattering story about this person and a chill comes over the room. Even as I was up there, I think I realized *(laughs)* that maybe this wasn't the best idea. And next on the agenda that evening was a tribute to this guy, which was a slideshow of these pictures of him set to sad music. *(Starts singing a made-up song)*: 'Sad music, sad, this is our friend that died. This is our colleague who died, we respect him and he died.'

"Needless to say, my career probably never recovered from it. This happened in front of every casting director in the city.

"I wasn't able to defuse the situation because that may have been my swan song of the evening. It ended shortly thereafter. I remember the guy who runs it, who is a huge casting director himself, he said, 'And let's give a hand for our host, Jackie Hoffman!' and there was a smattering of applause — a smattering of hatred — and you could tell the damage had been done.

"It took a little while to process.

"Years ago, I thought, well maybe tragedy-plus-time made it better. Maybe the wound is no longer fresh. My manager was talking to a casting director and he said, 'Yeah, Jackie Hoffman hasn't hosted Artios Awards show lately' — this is years later — and the casting director said, 'Oh, you mean since the incident?' It was infamous.

"When I do damage, baby, I go big.

"I do regret it. Everybody was saying these grand beautiful things, and I talked about when he was a (jerk).

"But he *was* a (jerk). He *did* arrive two hours later, with shopping bags. He *did* say there's no excuse. He *did* have me show him how to use his inhaler. And then he said that weird thing to me. So it was all true."

Did she get any feedback after the fact?

"Nobody talked to me! I sat down at a table next to Cynthia Nixon, god love her, and I said under my voice, 'It's pretty quiet in here.' And she said, "That's because they're thinking about how much they loved your story." *(Laughs)*

"I'm still thinking about it now. I live a life of self-torment and self-loathing, so every bad choice I made on stage at Second City, every embarrassing scene I've done, every mistake, they replay constantly in my head. *Constantly*. I have no memory for success, but I have a memory for failure and tragedy.

"And now I'm going to do additional damage by telling you this story. Just when there's a new generation that might have forgotten! Although I do think some casting directors overlook this kind of stuff. Some of them are professional enough to move on, even if they can't stand the person, and separate those feelings from deciding who's right for the role. And some don't."

If someone told a story about Hoffman after her death that poked fun at her, would she be somewhere in the afterworld laughing about it?

"Well, we'll find out soon enough! *(Laughs)* Maybe I would come back to haunt people. That I would love."

The takeaway ...

"Don't insult dead people.

"Especially dead people whose colleagues are in the room.

"Especially dead people whose colleagues are casting directors."

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Dungeons

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The Lake Geneva home where Gary Gygax created Dungeons & Dragons. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

A Dungeons & Dragons role-playing aide on exhibit at the Geneva Lake Museum.

An exhibit under construction at the Geneva Lake Museum features D&D stained glass windows.

He thinks of all those wealthy, famous names associated with the history of the town — the Schwinns, the Wrigleys, the Maytags, the Wards — then admits, "No matter how many well-known families have been coming here a century or more, I'm not sure any of us have done as much for the city of Lake Geneva as Gary Gygax."

If the name doesn't ring a bell, you'd be hard-pressed to learn more in Lake Geneva.

True, there is a combination store and small museum there centered on Gygax's inventions. And yes, one of Gygax's homes is now something like holy ground for true believers. But there are no historic markers or formal signs of civic pride, and the closest thing Lake Geneva has to formal recognition of Gary Gygax is a maroon brick alongside the lake itself, set into a promenade and inscribed with the following:

"In memory of E. Gary Gygax, creator of Dungeons & Dragons."

"Call me biased because he's my dad," said Luke Gygax, one of Gygax's six children, "but I don't know another figure from Lake Geneva who had as much impact beyond Lake Geneva as my dad. You should drive into Lake Geneva and there should be a sign, at the least, saying: 'Lake Geneva, Home of Dungeons & Dragons.' Someone in local government should be arguing for this. Hopefully, the 50th anniversary will help."

Chuckle, but he's not wrong.

Next year will mark a half-century since Gygax and co-developer Dave Arneson debuted a radical new form of tabletop gaming, one that did away with a traditional board and relied on storytelling, a set of dice and a player's imagination. In subsequent decades, the game's popularity gave the fantasy genre new life, influencing video game designers, artists, authors, costume makers and generations of Hollywood producers. In March, a new Chris Pine-led "Dungeons & Dragons" movie became the highest-grossing film in the country, unseating the latest "John Wick" blockbuster. A few weeks later, Gary Con, an up-and-coming convention held annually near Lake Geneva in honor of Gygax, drew 3,000 attendees, including Vince Vaughn, Rage Against the Machine's Tom Morello and "Game of Thrones" co-creator D.B. Weiss — not to speak or sign autographs, but to blend in and play alongside fellow gamers. According to Wizards of the Coast, the Seattle company that now owns Dungeons & Dragons (and is itself owned by Hasbro), more than 50 million people worldwide have played the game. After a lull in popularity, the pandemic gave D&D a renewed burst of energy, and now it's more popular than ever, with an estimated 14 million active players.

Seems worth a statue at least, right?

"Lake Geneva has an opportunity here," said Paul Stormberg, a Nebraska auction house owner and president of the Gygax Memorial Fund, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) set up more than a decade ago with Gygax's widow, Gail, after Gygax died at age 69 in 2008. "But I don't think the town has embraced yet what this could mean. There are whole towns that shape their economies around the legacy of a single author. D&D is niche. But so is chess. And if chess was invented in your town, you'd probably want to celebrate that."

This is a story about how we choose to recognize a cultural legacy, particularly when the legacy is not that of a soldier, politician, activist or wizard of more accepted classical arts. Chess Records on South Michigan Avenue, one of the birthplaces of rock 'n' roll, gets a small home and adjoining garden. Miles Davis gets a statue in his hometown of Alton, Illinois, north of St. Louis. And John Belushi, in Wheaton, his hometown, gets nothing at all.

Rarely, however, does any of it feel like enough.

Nearly a decade ago, I went to Lake Geneva to speak with Gail Gygax, who was trying then to get the Lake Geneva city government interested in a huge, wildly ambitious memorial to her late husband. City administrators felt that she needed the money for the memorial first. And better focus. Like any good D&D player — despite having barely played — I wanted to know what happened next. The answer was epic.

There are tangentially related businesses. The former headquarters of TSR, the company Gary Gygax started to publish D&D, is now a hobby shop and small museum devoted to TSR. The home where Gygax first played D&D is now rentable for D&D matches and parties. This summer, the Geneva Lake Museum will open a permanent exhibit about Gygax's life. And for years, a local fan has been raising money to build a 30,000-square-foot immersive fantasy-themed entertainment center and restaurant in Lake Geneva named the Griffin & Gargoyle, with an eye on opening in time for 50th-anniversary festivities around D&D.

Yet it's unclear if there will be any.

"I never really thought about this in the light of day, I suppose," said Brian Waspi, head of Lake Geneva's tourism commission, and himself a D&D player. "I grew up on the game. My brother tested it with Gary. I have D&D books on my shelf right here, and I know all about its resurgence, which is amazing. But if you're from Lake Geneva, I think it's just *something that was always here*. It's felt like more of a local thing around here. It stayed sort of alternative and different for a long time, and only now seems to be in the mainstream."

Not to mention, since Gygax's death 15 years ago, there have been more lawsuits involving his estate and creation than even a Dungeon Master could juggle; one, between Luke and Gail, his stepmother, over a contested Gary Gygax will, was set for trial this spring in Lake Geneva. And none of that even touches the decades-long stink attached to D&D after concerned parents and evangelical preachers in the 1980s linked it with Satan worship, resulting in no less than "60 Minutes" devoting a full hour to this perceived epidemic; that scare would be so enduring the most recent season of "Stranger Things" was partly centered on its town attacking a harmless cadre of D&D players called the Hellfire Club.

Asked why Lake Geneva still seems ambivalent about its famous creation, Ben Riggs, a Milwaukee author who wrote "Slaying the Dragon," a 2022 history of the game, said: "I think, for one, the Satanic panic still lingers, in a way. In general, ask people around Lake Geneva what they think of the game, and a lot of them act like you're pointing to a bug under a rock. There's a sense of shame about it. In many ways, this new movie is a Wisconsin product, but I find that Wisconsin is like, *what do you mean?* It's not cheese or beer or sausage. Having said that, I also think that their lack of understanding of D&D makes some sense."

Dungeons & Dragons offers no winners or losers; it seeks cooperation among players, not competition. It's known for having rule books so dense they fill bookshelves; it was never the easiest game to comprehend.

"During the Satanic panic, my kids were *kids* and I remember thinking, 'Well, they're not playing that,' " said Charlene Klein, the mayor of Lake Geneva and a native of rural Illinois. "But I also never realized what the game *was* until five years ago, when I visited Gary Con. They're not all nerds. They're professionals. They're smart. Years ago, when I was president of the board at Horticultural Hall, I remember guys coming in to look around. I asked if I could help them. They said, 'We just want to breathe the air.' Gary held his first (gaming) convention in that hall. I thought, '*Wow, they're devoted.*' Now I think they're creative and remarkable."

Just outside of her office, high on the walls of the administration building, there are murals of Lake Geneva's past, a narrative of bucolic summers, parasols, sailboats. There are no images of introverted middle-class teens huddled at basement card tables, jiggling 20-sided dice, pretending to be fifth-level warlocks. The town was established by business owners in 1837, and, partly thanks to railroads, became a seasonal destination for Chicago money. Tourism, and summertime, then and now, made its economy.

Patrick Quinn, the now-retired archivist of Northwestern University, grew up in Lake Geneva, raised by his grandparents and an uncle. He attended high school with Gygax. His uncle delivered mail; his grandfather, a plumber, installed toilets for the vacationing rich. "Was there tension? You mean between the working class and the wealthy?" He laughed. "Most people I knew worked for the rich bastards on the lake. And a lot were laid off after the summer. Was there *resentment?* In a way, it was like a feudal medieval village."

He remembers Gygax and friends escaping into town swamps to smoke and talk castles and monsters. "Understand, Gary was a *total geek* in high school — way outside the mainstream of kids I grew up with."

Gygax, originally, was a Chicagoan. His parents moved after his mother became concerned about raising a son in the Uptown neighborhood. She herself came from a middle-class Lake Geneva family. Gary found friends, though never graduated high school. After a stint in the Marines, he returned to Lake Geneva, married and commuted by rail to an insurance job in Chicago. Hobby gaming was never far from his mind.

By the late 1960s, he had founded Gen Con in Lake Geneva, a gaming convention that became not only a major influence on later nerd gatherings like San Diego Comic-Con and Chicago's C2E2, but continues today in Indianapolis, attracting 50,000 attendees a year.

By the early 1970s, his small home in Lake Geneva was a Midwest mecca for a loose fellowship of gaming buddies. "It was a social club of guys, many driving over from Illinois, all of which eventually morphed into TSR," said Jon Peterson, author of "Game Wizards: The Epic Battle for Dungeons & Dragons." "So D&D was initially a white middle-class thing. That's changed profoundly, in terms of race and gender. But in a town like Lake Geneva, you do wonder who would connect to a game like this."

But internationally, TSR, Gygax's company, became a leading publisher of role-playing tabletop games, with rule books so popular they made their way onto New York Times bestseller lists. Before moving to the West Coast, the company employed 500 people in the area, attracting artists and model makers and writers and toy designers. Its cultural influence would become far more familiar than the mechanics of its complicated gameplay. It became a rallying point in the 1970s and 1980s, organizing like-minded nerds into social networks. It moved tales of swords and sorcery beyond the shadow of J.R.R. Tolkien. It also introduced the idea that a player's skills could increase with experience — a foundational tenet of contemporary video games. In fact, the concept (and slang use) of "leveling up" was a direct byproduct of the gameplay principle in D&D.

For better and worse.

D&D was so strange and original (and vaguely defined), it scared people.

"The Satan thing began in 1979," Peterson said, "with a student at Michigan State who disappeared, presumably into tunnels under campus, because he was so into D&D presumably he confused the game with reality." A few years later a Virginia mother claimed her teenage son's suicide was a result of role-playing games. It snowballed from there. Gygax was a Jehovah's Witness who hosted Bible study in his home. But D&D grew popular against a backdrop of '70s paranoia, Chicago's Tylenol Murders and preachers eager to claim fantasy was leading to satanic rituals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the FBI, would later disavow any link between suicides and D&D (and the existence of underground networks of Satanists massacring children in wooded areas). But to this day, the Federal Bureau of Prisons maintains a ban on prisoners playing (or owning) D&D, citing everything from it being a security threat to a gateway for gang activity.

"Still, the thing about people who said D&D was a tool of evil forces was that they actually made a trenchant observation about the game," Riggs said. "Defenders would say that it's just a game. And it was never just a game. It occupied attention in this scary, new way. You might even question if it was a game at all! I think it'll join jazz and comic books as a seminal invention of the American imagination — but what kind of game could actually last for weeks?" Not to mention, TSR art featured demons. Imagine being a nervous parent in 1983 and finding your kids at a table, casting spells to resurrect the dead and call on dark forces.

Ask around Lake Geneva now about the link between the Satanic panic and their famous export and you get a lot of guarded eye rolls, then claims that some of the older residents still believe it's dangerous, but *no, not themselves*. You're more likely to hear about the messy afterlife of Gary Gygax: A few years ago, Gail Gygax was in a $30 million breach-of-contract lawsuit with a movie producer over control of the Gary Gygax name (the lawsuit was eventually dropped). Last fall, Wizards of the Coast, which purchased TSR in the 1990s but let the trademark lapse in 2000, filed an injunction against an owner of the Dungeon Hobby Shop in Lake Geneva and the latest iteration of TSR.

The only thing that anyone agrees on is that Lake Geneva should do more.

By the end of this summer, there will be two self-directed Gary Gygax walking tours of Lake Geneva. (He didn't drive, so most of the stops are within blocks of each other.) One tour is offered by the Dungeon Hobby Shop, which itself is worth a look: Artifacts from TSR fill glass cases, most of the memorabilia donated by former TSR employees who still live nearby. But it's not exactly a true museum — if you don't understand much about D&D before stepping inside, you'd probably still feel lost afterward.

The other tour is organized by the Geneva Lake Museum. I went there with Yolanda Frontany, a bank manager from Portage Park who bought Gary Gygax's former home. We walked through the museum's half-finished Gygax exhibit, which will eventually feature D&D stained glass windows, a custom D&D gaming table and a brief history of role-playing games. A docent said he'd been there his whole life and he didn't know much about D&D, only that people now come here from all over the world for a taste of its history.

"Yeah," Frontany said, "they all show up at my front door."

About 18 years ago, while visiting Lake Geneva with her husband, she slowed the car outside a tiny white house on Center Street, not much bigger than a Chicago bungalow. Even after she bought it as a second house (along with the house next door), she still didn't know the full history: Here Gary Gygax created the original Dungeons & Dragons rules and gameplay and first tested it with friends. There's no historic marker out front that tells you this, only a rubber dragon mask in a picture window. Frontany recalled her grandmother — "a strict Roman Catholic" — imploring her to stay away from D&D. But now she rents the house next door as an Airbnb and, if you're a D&D fan, for a little extra, she'll let you play D&D in the very home where it was all started. She's hosted D&D-themed bachelor parties here. She showed me pictures on her phone of Vince Vaughn playing there a few weeks ago, holding up a T-shirt that reads: "I Played D&D at Gary's House."

"People make pilgrimages here. They take off their shoes at the front door — holy ground! I'm already getting inquiries about the anniversary next year," she said. "But I don't have a clue what (the city) has planned." She can feel a palpable disinterest.

Ed Schwinn of the Geneva Lake Museum said he spent a lot of time with city officials when the museum was still considering a Gygax exhibition, and "I've heard the whole gambit, from the enthusiastic, to they don't get it, to they misunderstand what D&D is." Mayor Klein noted the town's history of attracting artists and said "there's a lot of opinion about where, or if, stuff like this gets recognized." She said Gary Con is drawing visitors to the town during its less-crowded months. She expects "to make a proclamation of sorts."

Beyond that, there are no solid plans to honor Gygax or the anniversary of D&D.

Brian Waspi, the tourism commissioner, whose office gave the Geneva Lake Museum $10,000 for its exhibit, said "the town should and probably will lean into this eventually and own this — absolutely, it will." But so far, he has "not personally heard of any initiatives."

Paul Stormberg of the Gygax Memorial Fund is still preparing his.

He calls it the Greater Gygax Initiative and plans to pitch it for 2024. It includes a new memorial design (a gaming table, with a Gygax statue), an annual festival, historic markers and a push to educate the town on Gygax. He's talked to the mayor and city council and said his "models give a $3 million impact annually," partly in the form of hotel bookings and restaurant traffic. He's launching a Kickstarter campaign to raise more for a memorial; the fund's most recent IRS filings suggest it's raised about $200,000 in a decade.

Luke Gygax is skeptical of that memorial fund but added: He and the fund's stewards want the same thing, to remind Lake Geneva that a piece of its local history still resonates around the world. He's sick of boat tours that point out the home of the Wrigleys but never his father's lakefront home. "There's people out there who never water ski. They stayed home in dark rooms and played a game with friends for hours. They weren't sailing on that lake. Now they have money. Someday I hope the city of Lake Geneva realizes this."

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Rogers" for parts. Then, says Esterrich, it grew and became multitudes and multiverses.

"Star Wars," as he explores in his book, tackles issues of authoritarianism, colonialism, xenophobia, sexuality and gender norms, as well as the politics of language: "which creatures get subtitles, and which do not," as he says. "I wanted to write a book that talked about the world of 'Star Wars' and what it reveals about the world we actually live in. This galaxy is only fictionally far, far away. The way 'Star Wars' thinks of war, or slavery, or gender — it's all connected to how we in the U.S. think about those things."

Our following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Tell us about your first time. With "Star Wars," I mean.

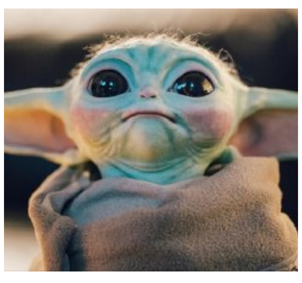
A: I was 12. It started with the trailer, I'm sure. I heard Darth Vader breathing, I saw spaceships, and I thought I gotta see this *now*. I've seen the first one over 100 times by now, though I didn't read any of the "Star Wars" comics, or the novels, until very recently. I didn't grow up with all of that. The movies came first; the rest came later.

Q: Early in the book, you write about viewing "Star Wars" through different lenses: as a gay man, as a Puerto Rican, and how those perspectives set up your particular viewpoints on the multiverse, as you call it. Can you go into that?

A: Sure. It's not that I think I'm special because I'm gay or Puerto Rican. But those facts let me see "Star Wars" in a slightly different way than some other people do. My seeing the first film where and when I did necessarily informed the way I thought about it. That's why there's a chapter on war, colonialism and slavery themes in "Star Wars." Those ideas were present to me from the very beginning. In Puerto Rico, we talk about the U.S. as "the American Empire," so every time I heard the word "Empire" in the movies, I thought of the United States! And I wasn't the only one. Lucas originally thought of (the "Star Wars" universe) as a rethinking of the Vietnam War. The bad guys were the U.S., and the rebels — the little band that could — were the Vietnamese.

Q: In 2014, Charlie Rose interviewed George Lucas for Chicago Ideas Week. At one point, Lucas is talking about the creation of the "Star Wars" mythology and this notion of religion depicted as The Force. At one point he says he wanted to make it all "easy for everybody to accept."

A: Wow. I've never heard that. OK, I have another book to write now! That's really interesting. Lucas has always had this line, especially early on, that these movies are for kids, so if adults don't like them, it doesn't matter and he doesn't care. He used to say "Star Wars" was for 11-year-old boys, though he later changed that to "younger people." He based it on the serials of "Flash Gordon," with very simple notions of good and evil.



The Child, toy version: One of many "Star Wars" merchandising spinoffs, this one from the Disney Plus series "The Mandalorian." **DISNEY+**

But Lucas created the story and now many, many others have added to that story. It is less and less black and white, and more and more gray. And the younger generations love that. Especially on television, it's interesting to see how "Star Wars" has evolved to become more complex, starting with the animated shows "Clone Wars" and "Rebels." Lucas may have started with a simple story, and it pleased a gigantic percentage of the population. But in the last 10 years, there's been a rethinking of what being a Jedi means, and the stories and characters start twisting and turning and, to me, get a lot more interesting.

Q: Let's talk about the blowback from some angry, disappointed factions of the "Star Wars" fan base to "The Last Jedi" in 2017. The mere presence there of Kelly Marie Tran and John Boyega, actors of color, plus a female protagonist (Daisy Ridley's Rey) guiding the storyline: It was apparently too much to ask of some fan subsets who didn't want their memories of the original messed with. In any way.

A: The reaction to the trilogy begun with "The Force Awakens" and ending with "The Rise of Skywalker" in 2019 had a lot to do with American culture of the time. It's important keep in mind the political moment when these comments and threats, particularly directed at Tran, were made.

It's also a generational issue. A lot of the younger generation has embraced that sequel trilogy in ways the older generation has not, because they see themselves in it. With "The Last Jedi," when it turns almost feminist, the younger generation goes with it at the same time the older generation, some members of it, anyway, are reluctant to have that viewpoint inserted into their memories and fantasies of the original. This is typical of the U.S.: Sometimes there's a minority opinion that's so loud, it feels as if the entire base is becoming toxic. But usually you find out it's not really the majority.

Q: Let's talk about "Star Wars" and how it reshaped modern Hollywood. The first film was made for $11 million, it which is about $55 million today. It was a medium-high budget picture. The "Star Wars" films now, like all massive franchise drivers, cost many times that amount, and the movies basically have to work, or else. This is one of the many reasons I have massively mixed feelings about the "Star Wars" effect.

A: There's this notion that Lucas and (Steven) Spielberg created the modern blockbuster. This was at a time when the movies, made by all these younger (so-called New Hollywood) directors, were everywhere. But what seemed radically new, or at least different, to audiences of the '70s and early '80s is now Hollywood's modus operandi. I'm a huge opera fan, and it's remarkable to see cinema, *the* 20th century art form, turning into the opera of the 21st century. I think my understanding of opera helps me view the future of cinema not as disappearing, but certainly changing.

Q: Seeing "Star Wars" in 1977 felt like an acceleration as well as a break from the science fiction we'd seen lately. The year before, there was the modestly successful, typically downbeat dystopian fantasy "Logan's Run," amid all the other stuff teenagers like me were seeing — post-Watergate portraits in disillusionment in nearly every genre, from thrillers to Westerns to comedies. I think I used all those movies to start figuring out the adult world. Then came "Star Wars," which was like playing an arcade game for two hours.

A: OK, I'll argue with you there. I saw "Star Wars" many, many times when it came out. But it also introduced me to cinema I knew nothing about. While I was watching "Star Wars" I was also discovering (Ingmar) Bergman. I was discovering (Akira) Kurosawa. I was discovering (Jean-Luc) Godard. "Star Wars" made me a movie addict but I started looking into other things. And it led me to the possibilities of what cinema could do in telling a story.

It's the same with John Williams, whose "Star Wars" music introduced me to classical symphonic music. Pretty soon, once I got to Chicago, I was subscribing to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. That all started with Williams' "Imperial March," the underscoring for some guy dressed in black (laughs). We all have different narratives about how we find a form of art that means something to us.

And "Star Wars" did it for me.

Esterrich reads and signs copies from his book, "Star Wars Multiverse," noon May 6 as part of a "Star Wars" weekend of events at the Otherworld Theater, 3914 N. Clark St. His "Star Wars" podcast, "Nick and Melo's Hyperspace," can be found on YouTube.

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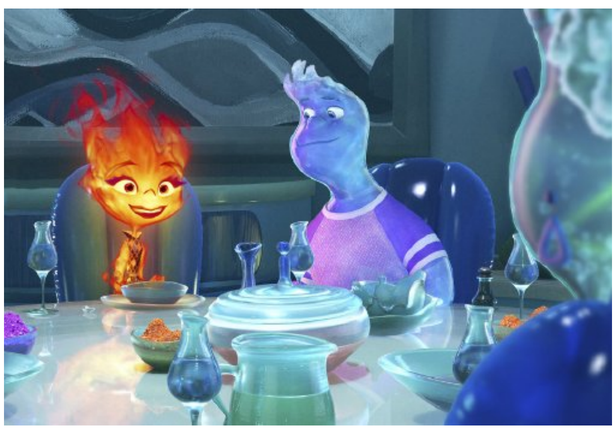
Themes of family, tolerance form story told in 'Elemental'

By Berenice Bautista
Associated Press



Ember, left, a fire element, meets Wade, a water element, in the animated film "Elemental." **DISNEY/PIXAR**

"Elemental" director Peter Sohn says his parents ignited the spark for the upcoming Disney and Pixar animated film.

Sohn had invited his parents — who both had emigrated from Korea to the U.S. — to an event and seeing them from the stage filled him with a deep appreciation for all they had done for their family.

"I saw them, and I was very emotional thanking them for all the sacrifices," Sohn said in a recent interview for "Elemental," a film about a family of fire elements who migrate to Element City, a place where there are also inhabitants of water, air and earth. The themes of family, tolerance and building connections run throughout the film debuting in June.

The film centers on Ember, a fire element who loves working at her father's store but has trouble controlling her explosive temper, especially around uncomfortable customers. Ember's life in Firetown, a suburb with many inhabitants of fire, is turned upside down when, due to a plumbing accident, she meets Wade, a water element and inspector who lives in Element City. Ember and Wade get to know each other, and she enjoys being outside Firetown. They realize their differences — and elements — are not an impediment for friendship.

The production team faced a challenge in bringing the characters to life.

"We have been doing all sorts of different characters, from toys to cars ... And that was another challenge," said Spanish animator Jordi Onate. "We had to break all the rules that we knew from body mechanics ... We did a lot of research on how the water behaves and how the fire behaves in certain situations and, on top of that, trying to make them talk."

But the fact that they are elements also gave animators the ability to give the characters particular powers. For example, Ember's a girl of fire. She can use that fire to remake broken glass and weld metal.

"This is one of the most complex projects I think we've worked on at Pixar, just because of that; we are used to animating humans or animals, and you have references for that, but in this case, we were trying to figure out how a character made of fire or water would move," said Colombian animator Luis Uribe Cordoba.

Development of the project began seven years ago. Mexican artist Paula Assadourian was one of the first to help Sohn find the essence of the characters and story. Assadourian, who began working on the film in 2019, was in charge of making the story board before production.

"I think 'Elemental' is a very special film because it's about Ember kind of coming to face (with) who she is and what she wants to do; if she wants to pursue her path or if she wants to kind of stay close to her roots and her family and what people expect her to be," said Assadourian. "Wade changes Ember, or he kind of awakens her to say, 'There's so much more you can do with your life.'"

Sohn, who is also an animator, voice actor and artist, previously directed "The Good Dinosaur" and has collaborated on Pixar films such as "Incredibles 2," "Ratatouille," "Finding Nemo," "Up," "Toy Story 3" and "WALL-E."

But "Elemental" is the most personal story with which he has been involved. The film shows that tolerance and empathy can combat evils such as xenophobia. Sohn says the "idea of xenophobia" was a part of "Elemental" from the start.

"The idea of xenophobia was always in the story from the beginning (before the pandemic)," he said. "Because my father and mother experienced the same xenophobia, it wasn't a new thing ... (But) the idea of Asian hate that started happening in such boldface manners was really terrifying. I remember my mom calling me and saying don't go out into San Francisco. She was terrified, and she had never been terrified to that level when we were growing up; it was a real fear."

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Palm Harbor University High senior Hannah Hipolito speaks in February against the banning of "The Bluest Eye" during a Pinellas School Board meeting in the Tampa, Florida, area, while the audience waves its hands in support. A district committee revisited the ban April 18.
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BIBLIORACLE

In Florida, 'The Bluest Eye' is back on high school shelves

By John Warner
For the Chicago Tribune

After months of absence from the Pinellas County district library in Florida, Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye" is back on shelves and available for checkout for ninth through 12th graders.

It seems like I'm writing about attempts to restrict or remove access to books just about every month, and honestly, I could do it every week considering the accelerating threat to free expression. This month, the PEN America Foundation issued a report showing that the number of individual book bans across the country increased by 28% over the past six months, compared with the previous six months.

One of those books was Morrison's "The Bluest Eye," first published in 1970, and frequently challenged in schools, ostensibly because of its portrayal of sexual assault and incest, but as has been increasingly clear lately, primarily because it is a novel that confronts the reality of white supremacy through the eyes of a Black girl.

I'm compelled to write about this particular incident because I think it is an object example of the specific factors that are driving these threats, and because it is an illustration of how a commitment to democratic values, respect for professional expertise and consideration for individual autonomy help deliver a resolution.

As reported by the Tampa Bay Times, "The Bluest Eye" was removed from shelves following a single informal complaint by a parent, which triggered the action taken by the district superintendent, without any apparent consultation with knowledgeable specialists, students, teachers or other parents.

The resulting public uproar led the superintendent to reconsider the choice. A seven-person committee of media specialists deliberated for three hours before returning the book to the shelves and making it eligible for teacher use as part of the class curriculum.

It is not accidental that this happened in Florida. The state legislature under the urging of Gov. Ron DeSantis has created mechanisms for parents to throw a monkey wrench into a system serving thousands of students by challenging books on topics like race, sex, gender, diversity and equity, and other so-called divisive content.

The default response is to remove the materials at the time of the challenge, apparently unless and until there is a popular uprising, as in the case of Pinellas County and "The Bluest Eye." This is quite obviously not a tenable policy. We cannot have a system where a single person objecting to a book can lead to its removal and needing the mobilization of an entire community to return it to its rightful place.

In recognizing the rights of parents to know what their children are learning, teachers assigning "The Bluest Eye" in class must inform parents and receive affirmative consent, and offer alternatives for those who are opted out by their parents. This strikes me as a reasonable accommodation.

It is important to recognize that at this time, this is not really a fight over principled differences over what students should read to best foster their learning. Rather, it is a struggle for power, with DeSantis trying to flex his muscles on behalf of a portion of his constituency.

Bottom line is that in a pluralist society, we cannot allow one complaining parent to have veto power over what other people have access to read as part of our shared public resources. Going forward, our institutions must be less responsive to the knee-jerk prejudices of individuals, and more conscious of how we can maintain a public space that allows freedom for all.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. **"The Wolf and the Watchman"** by Niklas Natt och Dag
2. **"Leave the World Behind"** by Rumaan Alam
3. **"Circe"** by Madeline Miller
4. **"Five Tuesdays in Winter"** by Lily King
5. **"The Latinist"** by Mark Prins

— Marie J., Wilmette

For Marie, I'm recommending the humor and wit of Paul Beatty's **"The Sellout."**

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1. **"The Lincoln Highway"** by Amor Towles
2. **"The Last Folk Hero: The Life and Myth of Bo Jackson"** by Jeff Pearlman
3. **"The Winners"** by Fredrik Backman
4. **"The Creative Act: A Way of Being"** by Rick Rubin
5. **"Twenty Years Later"** by Charlie Donlea

— Rod R., Lake Bluff

For Rod, I'm recommending one of the great sports stories in American history, **"Seabiscuit"** by Laura Hillenbrand, which I imagine he'll get through Lake Forest Bookstore, which Rod tells me is his favorite spot for books.

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1. **"Prodigal Summer"** by Barbara Kingsolver
2. **"Our Souls at Night"** by Kent Haruf
3. **"Hello Beautiful"** by Ann Napolitano
4. **"Sometimes People Die"** by Simon Stephenson
5. **"Birnam Wood"** by Eleanor Catton

— Marsha C., Rolling Meadows

John Irving's **"A Prayer for Owen Meany"** takes the reader on a long journey, but I think for Marsha, it will be a rewarding one.

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Fatal Attraction

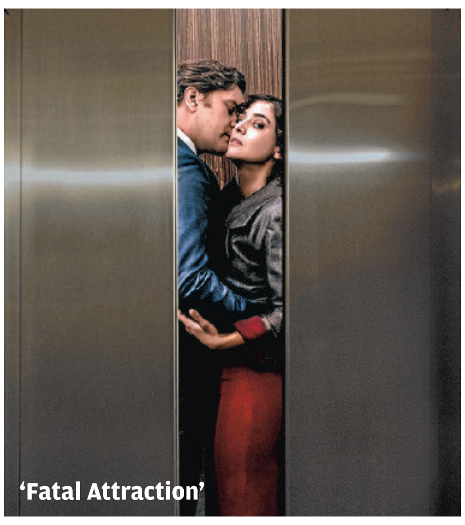
Paramount+ ■ New Series

The classic 1987 psychosexual thriller about an affair that takes a volatile turn when a woman (played by Lizzy Caplan, stepping into the character of Alex Forrest, a role that earned Glenn Close a Best Actress Oscar nomination) refuses to allow a married man (Joshua Jackson as Dan Gallagher, played by Michael Douglas in the film) to end their relationship is reimagined to explore the timeless themes of marriage and infidelity through the lens of modern attitudes toward strong women, personality disorders and coercive control. Amanda Peet, Alyssa Jirrels, Toby Huss and Reno Wilson also star. The first three episodes are available today; new episodes drop Sundays.

NASCAR Cup Series: Wurth 400

FS1, 1 p.m. Live

Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, William Byron, Kyle Larson and other top NASCAR Cup Series drivers do 400 laps around Dover Motor Speedway's "Monster Mile."



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MLB Baseball: Philadelphia at Houston

ESPN, 6 p.m. Live

A three-game series between the NL champion Philadelphia Phillies and the World Series champion Astros wraps up tonight at Houston's Minute Maid Park.

Spring Breakthrough

Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m. ■ Original Film

Recently unemployed single mother Monica (Keesha Sharp) is anticipating her daughter Vivian's (Rhyon Nicole Brown) return home for spring break, when Vivian announces her engagement to a man named Shawn (Akono Dixon) who Monica didn't even know existed. En route to the engagement celebration, Monica meets Clark (Demetrius Grosse), who happens to be Shawn's godfather, and an unexpected flirtation ignites.

The Simpsons

FOX, 7 p.m.

Marge (voice of Julie Kavner) is seduced by the money and prestige of big charity fundraising in the new episode "Write Off This Episode."

Tom Jones

PBS, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

Henry Fielding's classic romantic and comic novel gets a new adaptation with this four-part retelling written by Gwyneth Hughes (Vanity Fair). Solly McLeod stars as the handsome and resourceful title character, with Sophie Wilde as the beautiful and bright, and seemingly unattainable, love of his life, Sophia Western. He is a foundling of uncertain parentage, while she is an heiress, and in 18th-century England, their class differences make the journey to find each other complicated and treacherous. Hannah Waddingham co-stars as the seductive and vengeful Lady Bellaston, who comes between Tom and Sophia.

The Blacklist

NBC, 9 p.m.

After an inmate opens fire at a high-security prison, the task force investigates a contraband smuggler known as The Postman, with Cooper (Harry Lennix) revisiting his past ties to the suspect.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary Celebration Concludes

TCM, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong salute to Warner Bros.' centennial concludes today with a mixture of comedy and drama from across the studio's various decades in existence, with two films making their TCM premieres. The lineup features **Sunrise at Campobello** (1960), led by Ralph Bellamy and Best Actress Oscar nominee Greer Garson; **A Cry in the Dark** (1988), headlined by Best Actress nominee Meryl Streep; **Tortoise Beats Hare** (1941), a Merrie Melodies cartoon directed by Tex Avery that stars Bugs Bunny and introduces Cecil Turtle; **Chariots of Fire** (1981), winner of four Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Original Score (Vangelis); **The Right Stuff** (1983), which also took home four Academy Awards, including one for Bill Conti's musical score; **The Killing Fields** (1984), starring Sam Waterston and Best Supporting Actor winner Haing S. Ngor; **Rabbit of Seville** (1950), a Chuck Jones-directed Looney Tunes short starring Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, with its humor paced musically around the overture to the Rossini opera The Barber of Seville; **Malcolm X** (1992), co-written and directed by Spike Lee and starring Best Actor nominee Denzel Washington in the title role; 2004's **Million Dollar Baby (TCM premiere, pictured),** winner of four Oscars: Best Picture, Best Actress (Hilary Swank), Supporting Actor (Morgan Freeman) and Directing (Clint Eastwood, who also received a Best Actor nomination); the Best Picture Oscar-winning historical thriller/drama **Argo** (2012, TCM premiere); and **Going in Style** (1979), a heist comedy starring George Burns, Art Carney and Lee Strasberg in his final feature film role. – *Jeff Pfeiffer*

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Lies Beneath the Surface (2022, Suspense) Lelia Symington, Michael Perl **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Under Wraps (2021, Family) Malachi Barton, Christian J. Simon **Disney, 5 p.m.**

Wonder Woman 1984 (2020, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine **TNT, 6 p.m.**

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (2011, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Brandon T. Jackson **FXM, 6:30 p.m.**

Where the Heart Is (2000, Comedy-drama) Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd **CMT, 6:30 p.m.**

Boo! A Madea Halloween (2016, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis **BET, 7 p.m.**

Deadpool (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin **FX, 7 p.m.**

Playing With Fire (2019, Comedy) John Cena, Judy Greer **Nick, 7 p.m.**

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017, Science fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

In the Key of Love (2019, Romance) Laura Osnes, Scott Michael Foster **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Deadpool (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin **FX, 9:30 p.m.**

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‘One of those rare persons who made the world a little better place’

Wendell Smith covered sports, history and civil rights, and traveled with Jackie Robinson. A new book remembers his work.

Rick Kogan

Wendell Smith was 58 when he died and he was famous then.

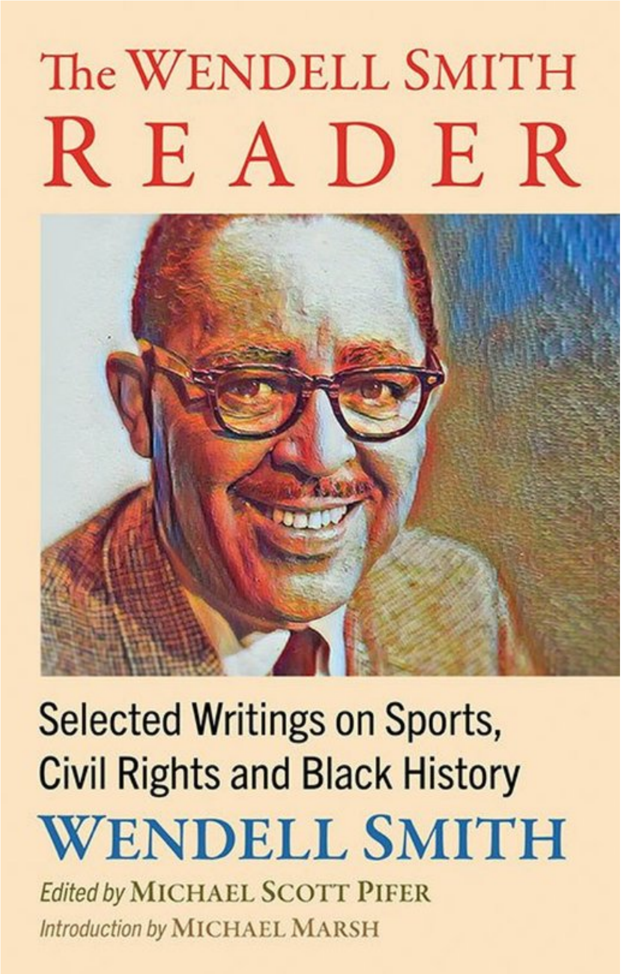
It was 1972 and the words of praise in the wake of his death came from such big shots as Mayor Richard J. Daley, who said, “We have lost a very great citizen, who was interested in the city and most of all the city’s children.”

Smith’s funeral was attended by such admirers as Bears owner George Halas, Gale Sayers, Johnny Morris, Billy Williams, other sports figures, politicians and many from the media world. Columnist Irv Kupcinet would write in the Sun-Times, “His death had a numbing effect. He was an able newsman, but more, a respected gentleman in his profession and a dear friend.”

There were quick posthumous honors, a scholarship in his name, various awards. But fame faded and Smith’s name and accomplishments became buried in history dust.

Coming to the rescue, so to speak, was “42,” the 2013 movie about Jackie Robinson, the ballplayer played by the late Chadwick Boseman. Actor André Holland portrayed Smith in the film because of the newspaperman’s essential role in Robinson’s career.

In Florida, a man named Michael Scott Pifer saw the movie. “I wanted to know more and went looking for a biography,” he said. “I was surprised that there was none and started doing some research on my own into the life of Wendell Smith.”


The WENDELL SMITH READER
Selected Writings on Sports, Civil Rights and Black History
WENDELL SMITH
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‘THE WENDELL SMITH READER: SELECTED WRITINGS ON SPORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK HISTORY’ By Wendell Smith, McFarland

Pifer has been a professional pet sitter for more than two decades. He is an avid reader, his two favorite authors being H.L. Mencken and Christopher Hitchens.

His research led him to a fine nearly 4,000-word essay about Smith written for the Society for American Baseball Research. He contacted the author, Michael Marsh and they decided to work together on what has become “The Wendell Smith Reader: Selected Writings on Sports, Civil Rights and Black History.” It is a splendid and important book.

The introduction, by Marsh, is a masterful, lively and detailed 20,000 words, even though there were no journals or personal papers that might have aided Marsh and Smith’s widow, Wyonella, who died in 2020, was not interested in participating.

“Scott did the heavy lifting, no doubt about that,” says Marsh. “But it was great to work with someone who cared as much as I did.”

Marsh has long worked as a paralegal here but worked in the Sun-Times sports department for a time in the 1990s and later wrote for the Chicago Reader. “And I flipped when I learned that Smith had lived in a house here less than a mile from where I grew up.”

Smith was born in 1914 in Detroit. His father, John, was the personal chef for auto magnate Henry Ford and young Wendell often visited the Ford home and played baseball with his son Edsel and other kids.

He was a talented athlete in high school and while attending West Virginia State College as a physical education major. He was the publicist for the school’s football team but his ambitions to play professional baseball were thwarted by Major League Baseball’s segregationist policies. That disappointment would fuel, as he put it, his desire to “do something on behalf of the Negro ballplayers.”

Directly out of college, he was hired — at $17 a week — by the Pittsburgh Courier, the weekly African American newspaper where he worked from 1937 to 1948.

It was late in 1945 when he and Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey talked about the possibility of signing a Black player. Smith knew Jackie Robinson and told Rickey about him. After extensive scouting and meetings, Rickey signed Robinson and sent him to the Montreal Royals, a Triple-A minor league club. Rickey also hired Smith to travel with Robinson during the 1946 and 1947 seasons to provide support, even as Smith continued to write for the Courier.

On April 15, 1947, Robinson became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era. The next year, Chicago’s Herald-American hired Smith, who became the first Black sports writer at a white newspaper in the country. (He also became the first Black member of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.)

He stood out in the still rough and tumble newspaper business of the time and he was prolific, writing about baseball, boxing and other sports. In the early 1960s, he was at the forefront of the newspaper’s campaign to integrate spring training facilities in Florida. In 1964, lured by a salary double what he was making, Smith went to work for WGN-TV as a sportscaster and appeared on the station’s “People to People” news program.

A print guy at heart, he still wrote for the Courier and worked on books about boxer Joe Louis, who had been a teenage friend, and other sports figures. He also started a column for the Sun-Times. That was where he would memorialize Robinson after his death in October 1972, writing in part, “He never backed down from a fight, never quit agitating for equality. He demanded respect, too. Those who tangled with him always admitted afterward that he was a man’s man, a person who would not compromise his conviction.”

The same could have been said about Smith. This would be his final newspaper story. He had been fighting health problems for some time and shortly after writing this column, he was hospitalized and died a month later.

Pifer has thoughtfully organized 100-some Smith stories into 10 sections, among them, in addition to one on Robinson, “Foreign Affairs,” “Black History,” “Confronting Racism,” “Women!” and “Muhammad Ali.”

Most of this work is culled from the more than 1,700-some articles that Pifer read on microfilm. The majority come from the Courier, with a sprinkling of stories from the Sun-Times and other publications.

The Pifer-Marsh team is gracious in thanking dozens of people who offered them advice and counsel and a few who provided firsthand knowledge.

Smith comes to life in the book, his era colorfully defined in all its delights and its inequities. Perhaps some of you gray hairs remember him. But even those who do not will meet, as the Tribune’s Bob Cromie put it after his death, “One of those rare persons who made the world a little better place, a little happier place, and little more decent place.”

On the Far South Side, there is the Wendell Smith Elementary School, a handsome building near a park where kids still play ball and, just maybe, dream big-league dreams.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Stories find intrigue in mundane

A driving examiner falls for the new guy. A woman wonders what to do about her teenage son who may be experimenting with drugs. A delayed flight turns into a trip down memory lane at a small-town airport bar. After two novels and a separate short story collection, Katherine Heiny is back with “Games and Rituals: Stories,” a delightful bundle of offbeat dramedy fiction.

Heiny grabs readers from the jump in “Chicken-Flavored and Lemon-Scented,” when driving examiner Colette realizes that Ted Bundy must have taken a driving test, and some unknowing person was there in the car with him. The DMV suddenly got a lot more interesting. Thus, Heiny’s superpower: Finding intrigue in the mundane.

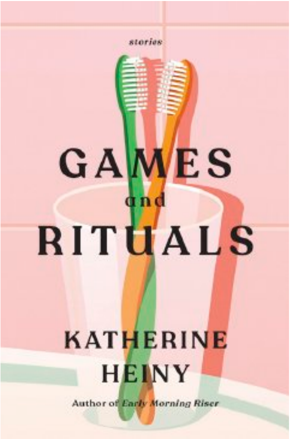
“Chicken-Flavored” sets a precedent that carries on throughout the collection, making the ordinary extraordinary while saying just the right things to elicit a surprised but delighted snort.

Heiny takes universal topics, like the strange feeling of being a teen again when you enter your childhood home, and puts a humorous slant on them. In “Twist and Shout,” a daughter stays with her aging father after he mistakes his hearing aid for a cashew and eats it. Jarring bits of information drop in matter-of-factly, making an otherwise morose short story feel like a delirious improv set.

Not all accounts are as punchy. The title story is a slow-burn series of vignettes describing the narrator’s games, like swapping memories with her best friend, and rituals, like brushing her teeth with her boyfriend before he heads home for the night. These evolve as her life chugs along toward the story’s dismal conclusion.

“Pandemic Behavior” follows a migraine-sufferer, adrift in the early days of the pandemic, as she begins to suspect her neurologist isn’t really helping. Too soon for pandemic stories? Not if you’re Heiny. The balance of seriousness with humor and irony makes those early days funny to look back on, rather than traumatic.

Each life in these stories feels unique, precious and worth exploring. And at a digestible 20 pages per story, “Games and Rituals” is great for on-the-go, stop-and-start reading when you need a little oomph in your day. — *Donna Edwards, Associated Press*



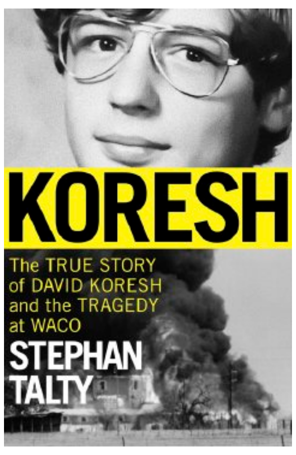
‘GAMES AND RITUALS’
By Katherine Heiny; Knopf, 240 pages, $28.

Thirty years ago, on April 19, 1993, after a 51-day siege by federal agents, the Branch Davidian complex in Waco erupted in flames, leading to the deaths of 76 people. The murky circumstances and conflicting accounts about the siege and how it ended have led to decades of lore and misinformation.

Several projects timed around the 30th anniversary aim to revisit the events of the siege, including a Netflix documentary “Waco: American Apocalypse” and a Showtime dramatized series “Waco: The Aftermath.” In his book, “Koresh: The True Story of David Koresh and the Tragedy of Waco,” Stephan Talty goes further back to trace the Branch Davidian movement from the beginning and examine the life of Koresh himself.

Born Vernon Wayne Howell in 1959, Koresh was an unhappy and abused child who became obsessed with the Bible and thought he heard the voice of God. As an adult, he increasingly took control of an existing sect of the Seventh Day Adventists called the Branch Davidians and preached about the coming end times, collecting plenty of teenage “wives” along the way. As the group began amassing large amounts of weapons, they caught the attention of federal authorities, leading to the eventual showdown.

Talty writes in an “immersive nonfiction” style that tells the story partly through the point of view of what Koresh might have been thinking. Drawing from new interviews with people both inside and outside of Waco during the siege and plenty of archival material, Talty paints a detailed picture of what led to the deadly siege, one of the darkest chapters in American history. — *Mae Anderson, Associated Press*



‘KORESH’
By Stephan Talty; Mariner Books, 464 pages, $35.

Book invites children to create better habitat for insects, birds

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Doug Tallamy, the wildlife ecologist and entomologist who urges home gardeners to join forces and create a pollinator-friendly “Homegrown National Park,” is now bringing children into the effort.

Tallamy has become a leading evangelist for the return of native plants and trees that can support birds, bees and other essential wildlife. Anyone with a yard, patio or windowsill can chip in.

And they can encourage parks, playgrounds, schools and colleges, hospitals and office buildings, golf courses and even airports to join in.

Tallamy’s new book, “Nature’s Best Hope: How You Can Save the World in Your Own Yard,” recently released by Timber Press, is aimed at middle school students (and, he hopes, their parents). It follows his influential 1999 book for a general audience, “Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard.”

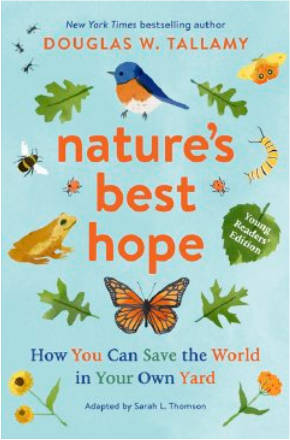
He hopes the new version will carry the message into classrooms around the country.

“The idea is that kids are the future stewards of our planet,” he said in a recent interview. “My average audience is retired folks, but we can’t wait another generation. I get contacted by kids all the time, and this is stuff you can do and actually see results.”

Little things can make a big difference.

“You don’t have to worry about the entire planet. Just do something about the little piece of the planet that you can do something about. That’s really motivating for parents as well as kids,” he said.

The new young reader’s edition lists easy changes that children can make at home to create a better habitat for insects and birds. For instance, switch out a white lightbulb on your porch for a yellow one that’s less attractive to insects. Reduce the amount of lawn. Or plant some native plants.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‘NATURE’S BEST HOPE’
By Douglas W. Tallamy, adapted by Sarah L. Thomson; Timber Press, 256 pages, $19.

The book includes a few easy projects like building a “bee hotel” out of an empty metal can and strips of paper, or covering window wells so little creatures don’t get trapped in them.

“Or just plant an acorn. It’s free and easy and you can watch it grow, and it makes a big difference,” Tallamy says.

He envisions all the little pollinator-friendly patches — a proliferation of gardens and public spaces — sewn loosely together to form Homegrown National Park.

Spreading the word that what we do at home can improve the environment is important, said Tai Montanarella, who teaches kindergarten through high school students about native plants as the New York Botanical Garden’s associate director of school and out-of-school programming.

“At the heart of Tallamy’s book is the observation of plants, and the interaction between plants and birds and insects. It underscores the connectivity of our food web and of society,” she says.

“Kids sometimes feel a greater sense of urgency and call to action than adults. Many of these ideas seem sensible and practical for kids, while they can be a heavier lift for adults sometimes.”

For younger children, she recommends the picture book “The Garden Next Door,” by Collin Pine from River Horse Books, about children who investigate why their neighbor’s yard has more birds, fireflies and other natural wonders than their own.

And she recommends the list of books for children and teens compiled by the New York Botanical Garden’s LuEsther T. Mertz Library on its website.

Adults, Montanarella said, can be more receptive to messages when they come from passionate kids.

Tallamy, a professor at the University of Delaware, starts his new book by asking children to take a few minutes to look closely at their yard.

Did you see “a single animal — a bird, a bug, a snake, a mammal of any size — hop, fly, flutter, slither, crawl, or creep past?” he asks, “You’re right. You don’t. But you should.”

“Nature is everywhere. That’s a good thing because human beings like you and me wouldn’t last a day without it,” Tallamy writes. “That’s what this book is about — how to create a yard that is a real part of the natural world. The kind of yard where, if you look closely, something is moving.”

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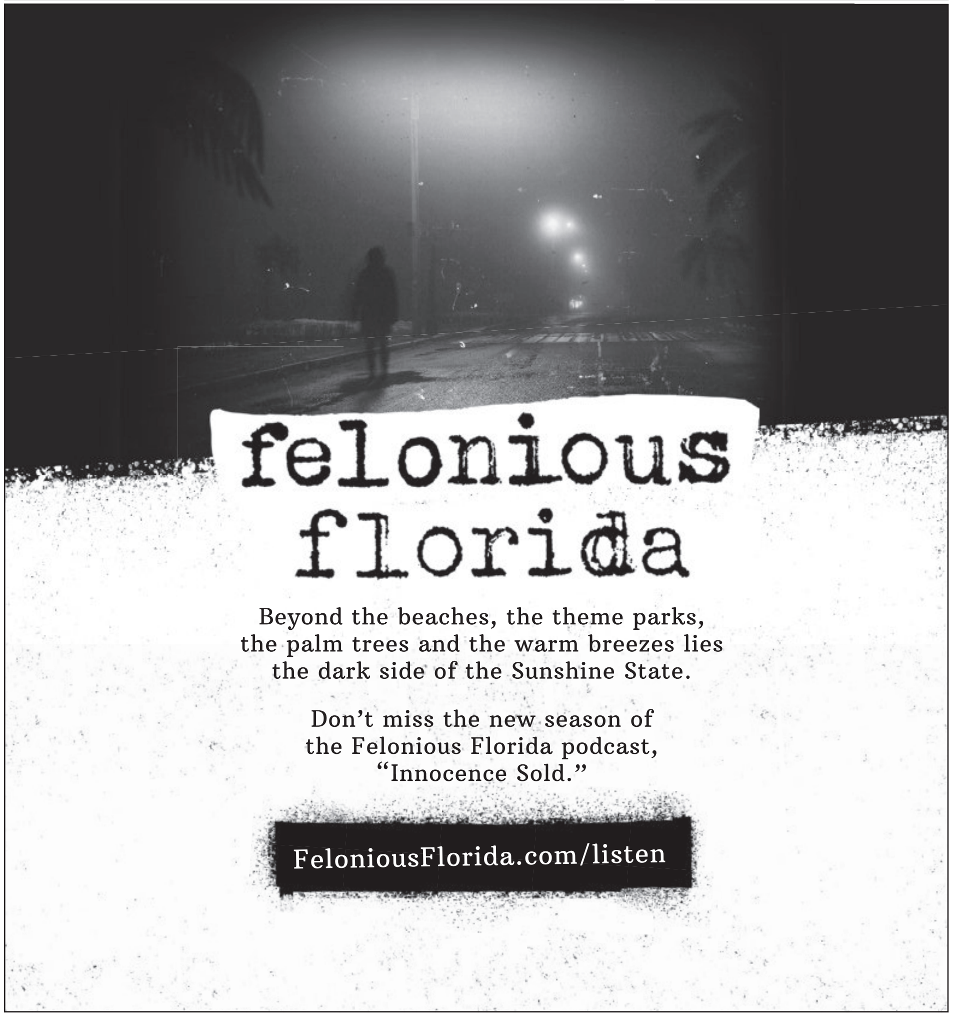

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ASK AMY

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Gentleman inquires about gendered greetings

Dear Amy: I have an etiquette question. Is it still acceptable to refer to men as "gentlemen" and women as "ladies?" I have read that some people may take offense to the use of those words.

At baseball games that I attend, the team used to be introduced on the field by the announcer saying, "And now, ladies and gentlemen, here are your Pittsburgh Pirates!" Now, most announcers at the ballpark simply say, "And now, here are your Pittsburgh Pirates!" I would be interested to know your position on this.

— *Polite Gentleman*

Dear Gentleman: I didn't realize that I needed to have a "position" on this. (Nor is this really an etiquette question.) But let me take a swing at it.

I am female, and although perhaps I can't really claim to be a "lady," I am not personally bothered by being politely referred to in this way.

However, there are fellow human beings who do not identify along a binary gender line as either female or male, and one would assume that some of these people are also baseball fans. Because of this, and for other reasons, I appreciate gender being left out of public announcements.

To illustrate, I was recently at a church service where I noted that the pastor had removed any reference to God as "Him" or "He," only referring to this higher power absent of any gender references. (It's not that hard to do.)

As a female, and after a lifetime of tacitly accepting that a male reference was somehow supposed to encompass all of humanity, this had a profound effect, and, frankly, brought me closer to the message.

So, to answer your question — if you know that people are male, then refer to them as male: "gentlemen," "sirs," "guys" or whatever suits the occasion best. If you know they are female, refer to them as female.

But if this new way of acknowledging a large number of human beings without reference to gender doesn't hurt anyone, and may in fact help remind some of our shared humanity, then I'm all for it. Now throw strikes, Rich Hill! Play ball!

Dear Amy: My fiancee and I have been together for over five years. When her family had get-togethers, I noticed that they would say mean things to my fiancee, and she wouldn't defend herself. In response to this, I would lightly defend her, by making jokes or whatever.

The last couple of years when they've invited anyone to family events, they have specifically said I'm not invited. My fiancee just says, "OK, no problem," and goes by herself. Am I wrong in wanting her to stand up for me?

— *Stumbling*

Dear Stumbling: Of course you want your fiancee to stand up for you! Not only is she not defending you, but now she is allowing her family to bully her and now you — by excluding you.

When couples come together and decide to form a family, the idea is that they should walk through life hand-in-hand — as a team. They put their relationship at the center of their lives, with their families orbiting around them. Your fiancee is dominated by her family, and now that she has established this pattern of behavior, you'll have to imagine what life with her will really be like. It's hard to envision a happy wedding celebration if your future in-laws refuse to be in your presence.

You two have a lot to work out. I hope you will delay your marriage until you really discuss and resolve these deep issues, preferably with the help of a couples' counselor.

Dear Amy: I'm responding to "Bargain Hunter," the well-off man who always looked for half-price entrees while his wife went for full price.

My husband has always been thrifty (as have I), but he's never tipped over into miserliness. When we began to travel and eat out a bit more, we knew higher restaurant prices might cause him anxiety.

Our solution: I pay the bill, he never sees it, and he enjoys a blissful ignorance.

If Bargain Hunter can't give up control and let his wife pay the tab, his problems (and I'd say hers) are deeper than money issues.

— *Big Tipper*

Dear Tipper: I like your solution and — for "Bargain Hunter," who loves to eat out and can definitely afford to pay full price — I completely agree.

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What a girl and guinea pig can teach us

Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

This is the story of a guinea pig as the great connector.

I learned it from journalist Mary Louise Kelly, co-host of NPR's "All Things Considered," who has written a gorgeous new book called "It. Goes. So. Fast: The Year of No Do-Overs." The book is a memoir about her older son's final year of high school and all the choices, the longing, the joys, the regrets, and the big and small victories that punctuate the 18 or so years it takes to launch a child into the world.

It's also about losing her dad. And her hearing. (She has severe to profound hearing loss.)

It's about getting famously chewed out by former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It's about reporting from Pakistan on terrorism and rising nuclear threats. It's about getting a call from the school nurse that her younger son was having trouble breathing and she should come get him immediately — except she was in Baghdad, wearing body armor and a helmet, on her way to board a Black Hawk helicopter.

It's about moments that may be difficult to relate to, but emotions that live in our skin. All of our skin.

Which brings us to the guinea pig.

Kelly has covered the war in Ukraine extensively — the lead-up, the day-to-day, the fallout. In the course of her reporting, she met a woman named Hanna Hopko, a pro-democracy activist and former head of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in Ukraine's parliament. During one of their interviews, Hopko revealed to Kelly that her daughter, 11, would like a pet guinea pig.

Evacuees thank volunteer fighters who help ferry them to safety March 10 in Irpin, Ukraine. **MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

But that was early 2022, and the family didn't know whether Russian troops were going to invade Ukraine. And if they did, Hopko wasn't sure she wanted to evacuate a rodent and its cage and its food pellets, alongside her family and all their earthly belongings.

"She's so stressed out by this — this woman who had literally led a revolution — that she started crying," Kelly said, "which made me cry."

I had asked Kelly about Hopko because I found her story to be one of the most powerful in the book.

It illustrated so beautifully, I thought, the way motherhood informs Kelly's — and Hopko's — approach to her work. (Kelly and I were in conversation as part of her book tour stop in Chicago.)

"I am quite sure," Kelly said, "that 25-year-old Mary Louise would have been sitting there in Ukraine and this woman would have started crying about getting her daughter a guinea pig and I would have been like, 'Yeah, yeah. Sanctions. NATO. Let's talk about the important stuff. Who cares about this rodent? Russia's about to invade.'

"And the mom in me latched on and thought, 'That's the story,' " Kelly continued. "I'm trying to explain what the stakes are in Ukraine. And how ordinary people just like us are living through something unimaginable. How can I let you glimpse that and come into this country with me for a moment?"

Just about every parent on the planet, she said, can relate to a child begging for a pet.

"The stakes may not be as high as 'I'm going to have to evacuate if Russian tanks roll in,' " she said. "But we all know, like, 'Really? Is this a great thing for my family?' "

We all understand wanting our child to know joy. And unconditional love. We all understand wanting to be the bearer of those things and a protective force from their opposites. We all understand what's in our control (very little) and what's not (almost everything).

We all understand wanting to flip the ratio, especially when it comes to our kids.

"You can't wrap your head around sanctions," Kelly said. "But you can wrap your head around somebody struggling to get dinner on the table for their family that night."

Hopko did buy her daughter a guinea pig. And Russian tanks did roll in. And the family did evacuate. Hopko had to go into hiding because she suspected she was on a Russian kill list. Kelly said listeners still contact her to ask about the guinea pig.

"It's the human stories," Kelly said. "It's those little moments."

I've thought about that story a dozen times since.

I thought about it, especially, when I was reading a Twitter thread from author and anti-racist educator Ibram X. Kendi, responding to back-to-back horrendous incidents that maimed or killed more of our young people: Ralph Yarl, a teenager who was shot by a homeowner after ringing the wrong doorbell, and Kaylin Gillis, a 20-year-old shot to death after pulling into the wrong driveway.

"We need to build a fearless nation," Kendi wrote. "An anti-racist nation. Where we don't fear groups of people, but we do recognize the actual dangers in our midst. Where people view assault rifles, poverty, racism, toxic masculinity, job deserts, book bans, climate change, poorly funded schools and hospitals, voter suppression, union busting, and exploitation as dangerous.

"Not groups of people," he continued, "not that person you don't know. Not that person ringing your doorbell or coming onto your driveway. Not that person who looks differently, loves differently, worships differently or thinks differently than you."

I think we build that on a foundation of what connects us all. By understanding that what's at stake in our own hearts and lives is very likely the same thing at stake in someone else's. And it's on each of us to protect that for all of us.

"It's the human stories."

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CONNECTION THROUGH CHESS

Game boards and passports in hand, CPS students travel to Ghana to teach and play the game

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

CPS student Jack Heller, left, plays chess with Sam Hoppenworth as Santino Vega, in colorful shirt, and Briana Moya participate in the match on April 10. The Chicago Chess Foundation took part in a chess exchange in Ghana during the students' spring break. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago student Santino Vega, standing right, works with students in Ghana on April 6 to teach the fundamentals of chess. **U.S. EMBASSY**

Chicago students Briana Moya, left, and Mia Rafael participate in a chess tournament in Ghana on April 6. **U.S. EMBASSY**

Jack Heller, 17, a junior at Walter Payton College Prep High School, learned to play chess from his father when he was just 4. He started competing in chess tournaments when he reached double digits.

Santino Vega, 15, a freshman at Eric Solorio Academy High School in Gage Park, is a more recent fan of the game, but he now opts to play chess with his 10-year-old brother instead of video games.

Both teens were among the first cohort of six Chicago Public Schools students who traveled to Ghana on behalf of the Chicago Chess Foundation to teach and play the game with Ghanaian students.

Vega, a Gage Park resident, and Heller, a Jefferson Park resident, were joined by fellow CCF high school youth leaders Briana Moya, of Portage Park; Mia Rafael, of Austin; Sam Hoppenworth, of Edgewater; and Rayan Khattabi, of Jefferson Park.

CCF provides chess instruction, training and competitive opportunities to Chicago students. Each year it hosts free tournaments across the city, reaching thousands of children.

Sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Ghana, the trip from March 30-April 8 was designed to promote cross-cultural understanding among youths in both countries.

Chicagoans held competitions for Ghanaian students and hosted a free chess festival for adults and children during the visit, while Ghanaian hosts took American youths to the capital city of Accra and Cape Coast Castle, an infamous way station in the slave trade. CPS students learned about African drumming, learned how to give a proper hello with a handshake and snap, and learned the art of negotiating with vendors.

Ghana was in its rainy season, and the students endured 90-degree weather daily.

"There are so many differences with the climate, and the city life was much busier than Chicago," Heller said. "The people there were very similar to us. I didn't know what to expect, but it was very awesome to be around everyone there."

The aspiring veterinarian said CCF has been important in his development, given that chess helps players work on their critical thinking and strategizing skills.

Matthew Kearney, executive director of the Chicago Chess Foundation, said the game is gaining in popularity and the chess community in Chicago is quite large.

"The game of chess introduced us to kids in Ghana, but also to people from our own communities that we wouldn't have otherwise crossed paths with," Kearney said. "(For) our tournaments, we do invite players from all across Chicagoland.

"Our summer camps and our school programs are targeting youth in Chicago, specifically in underserved neighborhoods. The schools we serve have an average population of 83 percent low-income students. We're seeking out the schools that wouldn't otherwise have the resources, opportunity or buy-in from the community to have the chess programs."

Vega's mom, Elisa Cervantes, said although she was nervous about sending her middle child out of the country the trip brought out the best in the Chicago contingent. After Vega toured the castle, he came back with more knowledge than when he left, she said.

"He knows what it's like to stand on that land instead of just seeing it in a textbook," Kearney said.

Heller's mom, Nicolle Heller, said Jack came back home saying "please" and "thank you."

"He wants to go back in another group," she said. "He wants to host Ghanaian people in Chicago."

The Ghana-Chicago Chess Exchange endeavor began in February 2021 and brought the students together online each month to compete in a chess tournament and participate in virtual breakout sessions, where they discussed their cultures. The partnership that started during the pandemic was a way to engage youth and "have them feel a sense of connection at a time when we were all disconnected," Kearney said.

"The whole trip was with BASICS (International), a community group that supports women and children from the impoverished community called 'Chorkor,' " he said.

BASICS ran a chess program and promoted youth interest through the years.

"The Chicago Chess Foundation, a nonprofit that started in 2015 to bring the game to elementary schools, evolved," Kearney said. "During the pandemic we were looking for ways to continue to engage students past elementary school into high school, and that's what this group is.

"We started a Chess Leaders program, where we decided we would take those youth that had a passion for chess, wanted to stay involved in the communities that we created and teach them leadership development. Every month at our K-8 tournaments we have these high schoolers as role models for the ones coming up … and a trip to Ghana definitely makes (chess) a little more popular."

Kearney wants the exchange to become bigger and better now that the inaugural trip is behind them. He says his favorite part of the trip was seeing the Chicago students step out of their comfort zones and build relationships through chess.

With the success of this trip, the organization already has the paperwork in to go to Ghana next year, Kearney said.

"We're also hoping to cultivate some support and enthusiasm so that we can reciprocate the exchange, bring the Ghanaian youth here for a tournament," he said. "This (trip) was just getting the ball rolling … not just a one-off thing."

For more information about the Ghana-Chicago Chess Exchange, go to chicagochessfoundation.org.

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These cats do their own stunts

Catfluencers star in and film their own social media videos

By Amelia Nierenberg
The New York Times

In one video, the athlete pauses, assesses the height and leaps. He tries to free-climb up the side of a building before jumping back to the ground. In another, he leaps across a roof, his shadow stretching out long in front of him.

This gymnast, though, is a cat. Specifically, he's Gonzo of @gonzoisacat. He has more than 607,000 followers on TikTok and 178,000 on Instagram.

Gonzo is the star — and the director — of his own shorts. Rather than his owners filming his stunts, Gonzo can capture them himself with the help of a tiny camera that attaches to his collar. The result is an extreme sports cinema verite-style documentary from a cat's perspective. And it's catching on online.

In Norway, a GoPro-wearing cat roams across snowy meadows or climbs on a roof. One in China also recorded under-the-chin videos. Another catfluencer named Mr. Kitters has 1.5 million followers on TikTok and nearly 1 million on Instagram, where viewers can watch him meow at a bird or chase a squirrel.

"The cat goes out there, and it's like, 'What is he doing, out in the world?' " said Derek Boonstra, 40, who cares for Gonzo with his wife, Maria, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Kitters' cat-perspective videos are a hit online. With the help of cameras that attach to collars, a niche style of cat content shows the world from a feline POV. **SCOTT IRWIN**

The couple decided to start filming Gonzo about four years ago. They wondered what he was doing when no one was watching — and wanted to make sure he was safe when he was exploring outside. After experimenting with a DIY camera, Boonstra bought one from the brand Insta360. (In exchange for two more free ones, he said, he tags the camera company in his videos.)

The first day they filmed included about "90 minutes of him sleeping in a bush," said Boonstra, a documentary filmmaker who has a tattoo of the cat. But then Gonzo ran into some baby opossums. "That was immediately like, this is really fascinating," he said.

Cats are among the earliest and most constant staples of the Very Online. Jason Eppink, who curated an exhibition about cats on the internet at the Museum of the Moving Image in 2015, broke down online cats into three main eras.

When YouTube and message boards were dominant, cat clips looked a lot like America's Funniest Home Videos. They were a little grainy and amateurish.

"There wasn't this cat industrial complex yet," said Eppink, an artist and curator.

Then, as Facebook took hold, the cats became memes; think I Can Has Cheezburger. Silly-looking celebrity cats, like Lil Bub or Grumpy Cat, rose with Instagram and the early influencer internet.

The rise of wearable camera technology, though more often used by surfers or snowboarders than pets, has led to another niche style of cat content. Like viewers of extreme sports videos, cat video fans regularly note the thrill they feel when their feline stars leap or scamper.

"A lot of the comments are, 'I kind of wish I were a cat,' " said Scott Irwin, Mr. Kitters' human. "It's a way for them to escape for 15 seconds at a time."

Mr. Kitters, who lives in Indiana, does more sponsored content, posting videos about a pet-grooming vacuum or the camera itself. Irwin started the account in August and has gotten some free cat-related products, too.

Gonzo can capture his athletic feats himself with the help of a tiny camera that attaches to his collar. **MARIA BOONSTRA**

It's picking up. In the past month, the account has made about $8,000 through TikTok and partnerships with Pretty Litter and the video game Genshin Impact, said Irwin, 58.

Mr. Kitters is his 20-year-old daughter Lucy's cat. (They have six other cats, too.) The father and daughter used to send each other cat videos on TikTok as a way to bond. When he saw Gonzo's videos, Irwin bought one of the cameras for himself. Initially, he thought of the footage as a "photo album," he said.

Mr. Kitters became a celebrity almost within a week. Irwin started tagging Insta360, which gave him two free cameras, he said. (He also earns a small commission if someone purchases a camera through his link.)

Fans love Mr. Kitters for his chatter and chirps, sounds that people usually only associate with human interactions.

That might be the real draw of these videos: Cats are enigmas. We humans rely on a slim codex of tail flicks and meows to read their emotions. In part, that is because of the history of domestication, said Mikel Delgado, a cat behavior expert at Feline Minds. Humans have been living alongside dogs for longer than cats, she said, and we often project human mannerisms onto them.

"Cats have fewer facial muscles, so people have a harder time reading cats in general," Delgado said.

Outdoor cats also spur curiosity, said James A. Serpell, an emeritus professor of animal welfare at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. The videos reveal a hidden side of cat behavior, one unmediated by a human presence. "People may get a vicarious thrill from following the adventures of their cat," Serpell said.

Lots of the footage can be boring nonetheless, Irwin said. After all, most cats spend a majority of their days napping or sitting.

But "every once in a while, you get that 15 seconds of gold."

Still, there's something strange about the way that Mr. Kitters' fans expect him to be, well, human. Some of Mr. Kitters' fans ask for specific interactions, like seeing him climb a tree, which baffles Irwin.

"I can't make him do anything like that," he laughed. "I'm not doing anything but posting the videos that he's filming and directing."

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ASK THE PEDIATRICIAN

How you can protect your baby from measles outbreak

By Dr. Sean T. O'Leary
American Academy of Pediatrics

Make sure your child receives a vaccine to protect against measles as soon as they are eligible. **DREAMSTIME**

Measles is wildly contagious. Nearly 1 out of every 3 children under the age of 5 who catches measles ends up in the hospital.

Are some young children at a greater risk from the measles virus during an outbreak? What, if anything, can parents do to protect their little ones?

Make sure your child receives a vaccine to protect against measles as soon as they are eligible.

The recommended age for the first dose of measles, mumps and rubella, or MMR, vaccine is 12 to 15 months old.

If you live in a community experiencing an outbreak, or if you travel internationally, your baby may be vaccinated as early as 6 months old. Talk with your pediatrician if this applies to you.

Babies who get one dose of MMR vaccine before their first birthday should get two more doses (one dose at 12 through 15 months old and another dose at least 28 days later).

The risk to a baby who is too young to get a vaccine depends on whether measles is circulating and the level of community immunity to measles. At most risk for severe disease are unvaccinated people, especially children under age 5, and people who are immunocompromised, pregnant or severely malnourished.

Infants and children can be contagious four days before they even show any symptoms. Measles typically starts like a bad cold with symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis (pinkeye). A rash then starts to develop on the head and spreads down to the rest of the body. Many children also get ear infections.

While the main symptoms of measles are bad enough, the reason we vaccinate against measles is to prevent the complications associated with it such as pneumonia and encephalitis, which is an infection of the brain.

The reason children don't receive the vaccine any earlier is because the MMR vaccine is a live vaccine, which means it contains weakened forms of the viruses. In order to work, the weakened forms of the virus need to multiply to create an immune response.

Since the natural protection newborns get from their mom wears off gradually over a period of months, the viruses may not be able to multiply the way they would when the baby is a little older. That's why we recommend the first dose of MMR vaccine starting at 12 months old. Not because it's dangerous, but because that's the age at which the vaccine works best.

Most people of child-bearing age have been vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, so they are protected against these diseases.

If a pregnant person was not previously vaccinated against measles, they cannot receive the MMR vaccine until after delivery. This is because the MMR vaccine is prepared with weakened live viruses, in contrast to many vaccines that are prepared with dead viruses. Doctors usually advise people to avoid getting pregnant for at least one month after receiving the vaccine to reduce the risk of becoming infected.

If you're unsure whether you're immune to measles, you should first try to find your vaccination records or documentation of measles immunity. If you do not have written documentation of measles immunity, you should get the MMR vaccine. There is no harm in getting another dose of MMR vaccine if you may already be immune to measles, mumps or rubella.

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Who needs a doctor when you have in-laws like these?

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I am a recently married young woman who suffers from an inflammatory bowel disease. Because of my disease, I take medication prescribed by my doctor, and I do my best to eat a healthy diet. Lately, I have started following a vegetarian diet.

My mother-in-law brings up my disease in conversation whenever we see each other, and tries to convince me that I should be consuming a ketogenic diet because, in her view, vegetarian diets are inherently unhealthy. She also tries to convince me to replace my medications with lemon and ginger.

I find this line of discussion quite unpleasant — partially because I find her insistence that she knows better than my doctor and me disrespectful, but also because I do not think it is appropriate to try to meddle with the treatment plan of a person with a chronic illness. Can I gracefully but firmly ask my mother-in-law to keep her opinions on my health status to herself? Or will I have to simply smile and nod my way through these conversations with her?

Gentle reader: If you thought you could, without unpleasant consequences, ask your mother-in-law to keep her opinions to herself, Miss Manners suspects you would already have done so.

But do not underestimate the power of smiling and nodding. If your mother-in-law realizes you are not going to fight back — and are also not going to change your habits — she will tire of giving advice. That way, you will not have to answer for having insulted her for what she will protest was only a motherly concern for your well-being.

Dear Miss Manners: After assisting a casual friend with an online application, she thanked me with a gift of a clutch wallet that she bought during a recent vacation. I am always happy to help people, and do so without expectation of compensation.

This clutch is from a popular designer. I looked it up and found that it retails at nearly $1,000. Thinking it might be a knockoff, my husband and I checked several online sources, but the wallet does not have any of the telltale signs we read about. A knockoff wallet valued at maybe $20 would be an appropriate gift, and I would put it to practical use ASAP. But if it's an original, I find it uncomfortably excessive and would prefer to sell it. (I would replace it with a lookalike just in case she saw me use it sometime.)

I don't assign any value whatsoever to designer things, but I know this friend does. She is quite status-conscious while I happily walk around with my $15 bag. It would make me sick to wear out a high-dollar wallet the way I use my daily stuff. A $20 gift card would have thrilled me, but I feel anxious about this gift. Should I continue to investigate the value, or just use it the way I use the same old one I've had for years?

Gentle reader: You really want that $20 credit, don't you? You mentioned that your acquaintance bought the wallet while on vacation. Perhaps she did not want it anymore and considered it a casual regift, rather than a valuable present.

Regardless, the wallet is now yours and Miss Manners assures you that you may do with it what you want. Which seems to be endlessly researching its value and wishing it were $20 instead.

Dear Miss Manners: As a physical therapist, I meet many people. Sometimes I do not know how to pronounce a new patient's surname. We clinicians introduce ourselves by our first names, but I feel it would be disrespectful to greet a client with their first name until asked to do so. What would be a polite way to address someone and ask for the correct pronunciation?

Gentle reader: "How do you do? I want to say your name correctly, so could you help me by telling me how you pronounce it?"

Dear Miss Manners: Why are we supposed to put napkins in our laps?

Gentle reader: As opposed to using them as shirt protectors? Barring special conditions, people over the age of 6 are supposed to be able to transport food from the plate to their mouths without getting it all over themselves. Therefore, the napkin is merely placed within reach for minor dabbing. If you need more protection, Miss Manners acknowledges that it would be safer to move it within range of what you will splatter.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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The 2,200-foot-long tunnel at the decommissioned Niagara Parks Power Station leads to panoramic views of both Horseshoe Falls and American Falls. **COLLEEN THOMAS/TNS PHOTOS**

ELECTRIFYING VIEWS

Newly renovated power station stunning way to see Niagara Falls

By Colleen Thomas
Tribune News Service

The grandeur of Niagara Falls keeps tourists seeking new and better views of the natural wonder — and it's easy to find them. On both the U.S. and Canadian sides of the river, you can gaze from lookouts, boat tours, a bridge, towers with wide windows, helicopter rides and even a zipline.

But the newest view in town may also be the most fascinating. It's found at a decommissioned hydropower station that for 100 years generated electricity for several Canadian cities. Now you can walk through the 2,200-foot tunnel that once carried water from the plant back into the Niagara River, bringing you to a viewing platform only 100 yards from the bottom of Horseshoe Falls. That puts you within mist range (rain ponchos are provided) with a stunning view that has never before been offered to tourists.

There's more to the power station than its magnificent view of the falls. The station, renovated in 2020 and opened to tourists in 2021, is a sight to behold itself. Upon entering the building you'll see six massive generators painted bright blue lined up in a cavernous room. Tours are available, but visitors also can freely walk around the interactive exhibits and view relics such as the gizmos that controlled the generators and an old volt tester the size of an ice-cream cart that today would be a device that fits into an electrician's pocket.

Wrought-iron staircases and arched windows were part of an effort to make the plant less intimidating to visitors.

The power plant was constructed by the Canadian Niagara Power Agency over five years beginning in 1901. It was the world's largest and most ambitious hydropower station of its time. Electricity was being introduced to homes and businesses, but many people were wary of it. Builders responded by creating a place that would make customers feel safe when they stopped by to pay their bill, according to Niagara Parks CEO David Adames. The station was designed in grand fashion, with touches like beautiful wrought-iron stairways, arched windows and patterned brickwork to make the plant less intimidating.

Other power plants popped up along the Niagara River as demand for electricity grew and investors saw profits in capturing the energy of Horseshoe Falls.

Visitors view Horseshoe Falls outside the renovated Niagara Parks Power Station.

But times changed and the plant, like others in the area, was surpassed by newer and more efficient technologies. The power station was designed to produce 25 hertz of power, but over time 60 hertz became the standard, and demand at the facility fell. Retrofitting the station would be too costly, so it was decommissioned in 2006.

The plant's transformation has resulted in an educational, entertaining and family-friendly destination. Hands down, its most compelling feature is the walkway through the long tunnel to the river's edge. The tunnel is the last part of the path the water took through the station after it was used to create electricity.

The tunnel experience is self-guided, starting with a 180-foot descent underground in a glass-enclosed elevator. As the car glides downward, you can see level after level of infrastructure and equipment go by.

Once at the bottom, you'll start your one-third-mile walk through the tunnel with upgrades like a smooth concrete floor, sharp lighting and fascinating exhibits along the way.

The tunnel opens up at river's edge to a truly unique vista, so close to Horseshoe Falls that if the wind is right you'll feel the mist on your face. The outdoor platform offers panoramic views of both the Canadian Horseshoe and American Falls.

To really understand the magnitude of the power station's capabilities, however, consider the one-hour guided tour through the generator hall. You'll learn how the generators worked, how alternating current won the epic battle over direct current and about the contributions of Nikola Tesla, the brilliant electrical engineer, to the plant, among other tidbits of history.

Of course, the traditional views of Niagara Falls from the overlooks on both sides of the river will always be awe-inspiring. But if you're looking for an up-close experience where you can feel the power of the rushing water, you'll find the power station's view, well, electrifying.

North Rim reopening delayed at Grand Canyon

By Mark Davis
Las Vegas Review-Journal

The North Rim of the Grand Canyon normally reopens May 15 after being closed over the winter.

Not this year.

The North Rim entrance will reopen June 2 to mark the start of the 2023 season, Grand Canyon National Park officials announced in a statement. The South Rim is open year-round.

Because of a record-setting snow season, officials said the delayed opening is "necessary to ensure the safe plowing of State Route 67 and allow staff to reopen visitor facilities on the North Rim."

The following are key changes this season.

June 2

- The North Kaibab Trail from Cottonwood Campground to the North Kaibab Trailhead reopens. This winter, the North Kaibab Trail and North Rim pipeline received significant damage from rockfall and landslides, making many areas unsafe for inner canyon hikers. To rebuild the North Kaibab Trail and repair damaged pipelines, the trail is closed until June 2. No hikers will be allowed to pass until then.
- The Visitor Contact Station reopens; ranger-led programs resume.
- Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim operations, including lodging, groceries, retail, shower and laundry and the gas station, are anticipated to open. The lodge dining room opens for breakfast, lunch and dinner with reservations required for dinner.
- Mule ride services will be available to the public.

June 9

- The North Rim Campground reopens.

July 1

- The Cape Royal and Point Imperial roads reopen to the public.
- The W1, W1a, W4, and the Fire Point Road that access the Widforss Trail, Point Sublime, the North Bass Trailhead and other destinations on the Kaibab Plateau within the park, reopen to the public.
- All other roads including State Route 67 are open to vehicle traffic through the end of the season.

Visitors relax at the Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim, which will reopen June 2. **LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL**

GeoQuiz **What is the capital of Sudan?** **Find out on Page 9**

Exploring Emerald Isle's Ring of Kerry

Rick Steves
Tribune Content Agency

Hardy tourists visit the island of Skellig Michael, off the Ring of Kerry, where monks helped keep literacy alive in the Middle Ages. **PAT O'CONNOR/TCA**

Squinting into the wind and rain, we marched from a desolate parking lot on the southwest tip of Ireland down a slippery path. I turned a corner and the mean-looking surf was still a long walk away. Noticing my questioning look, my guide, Conner, egged me on. He was hell-bent on showing me "the tracks of tetrapods."

I was exploring the much-loved Ring of Kerry assuming I'd be seeing quaint pubs, sheep farms and plush Emerald Isle beauty. But Conner was determined to complement the traditional sights by introducing me to a different side of this touristy destination (aka the Iveragh Peninsula). It's so crowded with tour buses that all the companies have agreed to tour counterclockwise in a convoy to keep traffic from getting jammed up.

We finally reached the water's edge. On a shiny slab of mud-turned-to-rock, Conner reverently showed me faint tracks, declaring, "These are tetrapod tracks." He told me many archaeologists believe this is the place where the first fish slithered out of the water on four stubby legs 385 million years ago onto what would become the Isle of Saints and Scholars.

Remembering it was also the Island of Blarney, I skeptically countered, "... at least many Irish archaeologists."

In a way only an Irish tour guide can, Conner explained — using evidence all around us and reminding me that tetrapods eventually evolved into bipeds — how communication is a big part of the story of this friendly island home of the legendary gift of gab.

He pointed to the distant, barely visible Skellig Michael Island breaking the horizon far out at sea. The 700-foot-tall rock has a tiny cluster of abandoned igloo-like beehive huts clinging near its summit like stubborn barnacles. In the sixth century Irish monks settled there to communicate with God. Inspired by the earlier hermit monks in the Egyptian desert, these Irish hermits, too, used the purity and silence of extreme isolation as a tool to get closer to God. They collected rainwater in cisterns and lived off fish and birds. Chiseling the most rudimentary life out of solid rock, the monks lived a harsh, lonely, disciplined existence. For over 500 years they were all about meditating and praying — in other words, heavenly communication.

They were also about human communication. Irish scribes, like those living on Skellig Michael, kept literate life alive in Europe through the darkest depths of the so-called Dark Ages. In fact, around the year 800, when the ruler Charlemagne (the greatest European ruler of that age) needed good literate people to help run his empire, he brought in monks from this part of Ireland to be his scribes.

Then, moving from evolution and literacy to modern communication, my guide pointed past Skellig Michael to a passing transatlantic ship. A thousand years after those Irish monks nursed Europe's fragile and flickering flames of literacy, this is where the fastest communication came to Europe from America.

In the mid-19th century, Julius Reuters — who provided a financial news service in Europe — couldn't get his pigeons to fly across the Atlantic. So he relied on ships coming from America to drop a news capsule overboard as they rounded this southwest corner of Ireland. Reuters' boys would wait right here — just a short walk from those first tetrapod tracks — in their little boats with nets on long poles to "get the scoop." It's said that Europe learned of Lincoln's assassination in 1865 from a capsule tossed over a boat and scooped out of these waters.

Taking early communication one step further, the first telegraph cables were laid (from the largest ship of its day by a company that would become Western Union) across the Atlantic from this same corner of Ireland to Newfoundland. Now the two hemispheres had telegraphic communication. Queen Victoria was the first to send a message — greeting an American president in 1858. (The cable broke more than once, but it was finally permanently secured in 1866.)

Radio technology pioneer Guglielmo Marconi, who was half-Irish, set up an early wireless telegraphic station in this corner of Ireland before he achieved the first wireless transatlantic communication in 1901 from England to Newfoundland. And when Charles Lindbergh ushered in the age of transatlantic flight in 1927, the first bit of Europe he saw was this stony perch — where those tetrapods first dried off.

Conner and I dropped by a schoolhouse in the nearby village of Knightstown. Its humble museum tells the stories of these quirky bits of local history with intimate black-and-white photos and typewritten pages.

Driving away, under the 21st-century cellphone and satellite tower crowning a hilltop above me, I gazed out at Skellig Michael and told Conner how impressed I was by the communication theme he had woven together that day. Saying, "Great. Let's have a pint and talk about it," he pulled into a pub.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Khartoum. Located in the south central part of the African country, the city of about 6.3 million people has recently been wracked by violence from fighting between two military factions.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Mazino seeking poetic trip to Korea

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Young Mazino attends the Los Angeles premiere of "Beef" on March 30 at Netflix Tudum Theater. **CHARLEY GALLAY/GETTY**

After giving up his corporate career to pursue an acting career, Young Mazino has two buzzworthy roles. Currently, he portrays Steven Yeun's buff younger brother, Paul, in the hit Netflix rage series "Beef." Mazino also is the star of the Sundance-supported dramedy series "Good Boy" — premiering May 1 on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@goodboyteevee) — where he plays a streetwear designer pursuing his dreams and bucking conventions of who he should be. The actor said he can relate. "I didn't see anyone who looked remotely like me until I saw Daniel Dae Kim on 'Lost,' " Mazino said in a Zoom interview from his Los Angeles home. "Media is powerful in what they show and won't show. So (acting) wasn't even a path to consider (for a long time). And then I remember seeing Steven Yeun on 'The Walking Dead' and took note of how particularly good he was. Later, once I made that formal decision to pursue acting, that's when I realized he was quite a formidable force in nature." Born and raised in Maryland, Mazino lived in New York before moving to California.

Q: Do you have a trip that stands out?
A: I do. Before 2021, I wasn't particularly an outdoor person. But a friend who I had grown up with was this outdoorsman bikepacker and together we cycled across the country from the border of Mexico to Canada. It was one of the most brutal adventures I've ever done, but it also opened my eyes to how beautiful the United States is. That trip kind of changed my whole outlook on life, going through sometimes arduous times. We went through Del Norte, Colorado, and stumbled upon the 38th parallel there, (which is famous for) separating North and South Korea, and my friend mentioned we should backpack across Korea later. That stop wasn't something we had planned. We were going to just pass through that city quickly, but we had to stay a few days due to injuries I sustained from a bad fall. And that's when we met a filmmaker, Sam Bricker, who showed us the spot!

Q: As a visible minority, did you ever feel unsafe in your travels?
A: We went through some sundown towns where POC aren't welcome there, especially at night. So that trip was us kind of almost reclaiming our identity as Americans.

Q: I know you are planning on doing a bike trip in Korea. When was the last time you were there?
A: I was in Korea 14 years ago (when I was a 17-year-old) high schooler. I was traveling with a church-based symphonic orchestra. All our time was spent traveling, performing and rehearsals. And the concerts were held in churches, orphanages and community centers. I just remember my lower back hurting from the endless rehearsals. Not the best memories.

Q: Besides the bike trip, why do you want to travel to Korea?
A: I think it would be poetic to go to Korea where my blood runs and cycle through that country. With age, I've come to realize the distance that my parents and their parents had to endure just to get me to a place where I'm even allowed to chase a dream.

Q: What was a memorable childhood trip?
A: My parents weren't too wealthy. But when I was nine or 10, we did drive 15 hours to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. That was a hellish journey. I made the mistake of traveling with my friend's family (instead of in my parents' car). They had the front of the minivan blocked off so we couldn't really get to them. (Laughs.) I remember my friend had to pee, so they gave him a water bottle but he missed. I just remember traveling the rest of the eight hours in a urine-smelling minivan that felt very claustrophobic.

Q: What have you learned from your travels?
A: Go slow to go fast.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Terms changed after booking, but Tauck didn't provide refund

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: In early 2021, my girlfriend and I booked a fall foliage riverboat cruise with Tauck. At the time, there was no requirement for us to be vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus.

A year later, just before our cruise, I received an email titled "COVID-19 Policy Update for Your Upcoming Journey." It required all guests to be "up to date" with their vaccinations.

We would have never booked this tour if this requirement had been in place in 2021. Tauck changed the terms of its agreement without our consent.

After receiving the COVID-19 policy update, we canceled the tour. Tauck gave us eVouchers for our next reservation, which are useless to us because of their COVID-19 policy.

I want a complete refund of the four eVouchers. Can you help me?

— Daryl DeCrow, Simi Valley, California

A: If Tauck changed its terms, you should be able to get a full refund. But your story is more complicated than that.

You had made a reservation with Tauck as far back as 2018, but could not go on the cruise because the tour operator canceled it in the wake of the pandemic. Tauck eventually offered you vouchers, which you used for your fall foliage cruise. The vouchers were not refundable.

Tauck's nonrefundability rule on its vouchers is normal. Your fear that it would always require a proof of vaccination might not be valid.

Many cruise lines have dropped their vaccine requirements, so you never know.

Still, you thought you were stuck with worthless credit, and you wanted your money back.

And this case gets even more complicated. It turns out Tauck had mistakenly issued you two additional vouchers after you canceled your latest cruise. Oh, boy, that's confusing.

You could have sent a brief, polite appeal to Tauck. It looks like you tried to contact one of their vice presidents twice by mail.

I list more names, numbers and email addresses of the Tauck customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, elliott.org. You might have persuaded someone higher up to review your case and run the numbers on the refunds.

It gets worse. Once I brought this case to Tauck, you faced another delay. The reason? Ironically, the person handling customer service was out sick — with COVID-19.

"We recognize that there are extenuating circumstances here, including communication shortcomings on Tauck's part related to our vaccination policy and the error we made with the travel vouchers," a Tauck spokesman told me.

Tauck agreed to give you and your girlfriend a refund for the vouchers, which you accepted.

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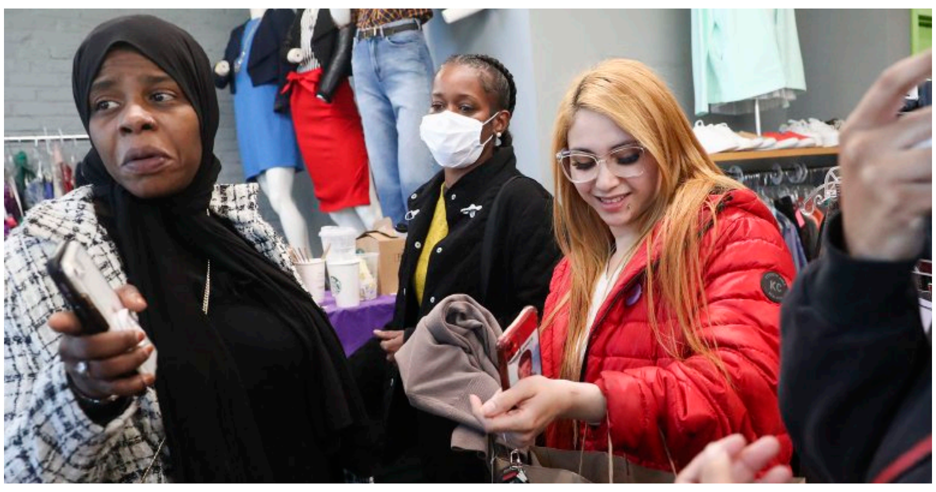

Aleesha Lopez, center, puts clothes back in her bag during the Wardrobe's "Smart and Sexy" event. **HEATHER KHALIFA/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER**

Thrift store seeks to help people looking for a new lease on life

By Layla A. Jones
The Philadelphia Inquirer

For Beatrice Tolbert, the Wardrobe is somewhere she can see people who are looking forward to seeing her. Stepping inside, the shop looks like a typical thrift store. Strappy sandals, knee-high boots, and conservative flats are displayed on tables in front of racks of work clothes, casual wear and secondhand accessories. But the Wardrobe has a mission: to empower vulnerable groups, including those who've been impacted by the criminal justice system and are looking for a new lease on life — starting with a new look.

"When I first entered and received help from them, I was destitute, indigent, and I lived on the streets," Tolbert said.

Recently, the Wardrobe held an event for women, who were able to bag six pieces of clothing and a pair of shoes for free, get bra fittings, and access resources from the Mural Arts restorative justice program. The event was part of "National Smart & Sexy Day," an initiative from a lingerie company that was providing complimentary bra fittings and bras.

"The success from the Wardrobe has helped me," Tolbert said. "I don't know where I would be without this place."

While the Wardrobe's former iteration, Career Wardrobe, only catered to women, the organization has taken on a new name and location and now opens its doors to men and nonbinary people.

The Wardrobe generally sees clients by appointment and works largely with formerly incarcerated individuals, young people aging out of foster care, unemployed job seekers and other vulnerable groups. It's stocked with casual wear, too, but focuses largely on professional clothing, business casual clothes and items for specialty jobs like medical scrubs and nonskid shoes. Their reach goes beyond people with criminal records.

Annette Townsend connected with the Wardrobe through a recovery house where she was staying. Now 10 months sober, the recent event was perfect timing for Townsend. She was shopping for scrubs because she started her first job as a home health care aide since entering rehab nearly a year ago.

"I just got hired yesterday, and I got work tomorrow, so I'm excited and everything," Townsend said. "The uniforms is right on time. God is good."

A group of young women from Mural Arts' women's reentry program also shopped for workwear recently. The program offers paid job training and skill building and public art projects for formerly incarcerated women. It also helps connect them with expungement and education resources.

Aleesha Lopez is a Mural Arts reentry alum. After a short, three-month jail stint, Lopez found herself unable to get a job for about five years.

"I couldn't do anything that has to do with kids (or) the medical field," she said. "If I wanted to be an officer, I couldn't."

Lopez eventually connected with Mural Arts, was able to get her record expunged and is studying social work at the Community College of Philadelphia. She recently took her third visit to the Wardrobe.

"We come here to (learn) to dress properly for an interview," Lopez said. Touting assistance from her program's coordinator Rasheeda Bagwell, Lopez continued: "(The Wardrobe) helps us out a lot."

A solution for thigh chafe

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Thigh chafing is a common issue, writes Answer Angel Ellen Warren. **DREAMSTIME**

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: The weather is warming up where I live and I love to wear cute dresses and skirts. My problem is chafing, specifically thigh chafe. Obviously this doesn't happen when I'm wearing shorts or pants. I've tried anti-chafing balm, stick, salve and cream and the whole application process doesn't work for me. I'm a little embarrassed to discuss this with friends so I'm turning to you.

— *No Initials Please*

Dear No Initials: Don't be embarrassed. This is common.

What you are looking for are shorts specifically designed for chafe prevention. Many underwear, shapewear and thigh-rub-specific companies sell them: Jockey, Spanx, Knix and lots more. Prices range from $11.99 to over $40, and they come in varying lengths, skin tones and colors.

While I haven't tested any, I know from past disappointments with other underwear items I've purchased — itchy seams, rolling up (and down), don't survive repeated washings, poorly proportioned — that quality varies widely.

I wouldn't skimp on price on these shorts, which also protect your modesty. Before you purchase, carefully study the return policies.

A friend I trust is happy with her Knix 6-inch "non-compression" Thigh Saver model (knix.com, $36). They come in six skin tones, and there's a 30-day return policy with free shipping in the U.S. and Canada.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: On a recent splurge stay at a Four Seasons, I really liked the smell of the unisex Le Labo Santal 33 sample in our room. In general, I'm not a fan of men wearing scent, but this was subtle — and expensive! I went online to discover the Eau de Parfum starts at $97 for a tiny ½-ounce bottle. Ouch! I'm kind of hooked on the scent but finding it hard to spend that much. What are my options, if any?

— *Mike S.*

Dear Mike: I had never heard of Le Lebo, so I had to do some homework. I learned Santal 33 is a cult fragrance favored by various celebrities. As you point out, it is quite expensive.

Le Labo (lelabofragrances.com) describes the fragrance as "the scent of an open fire ... a soft drift of smoke." You could try the Santal 33 "perfuming body lotion," a smaller investment of $75 for eight ounces. An eight-ounce bar of soap (sold out on the website) is a mere $54.

But wait, many companies have rushed to come out with duplicates that allegedly smell the same at vastly less. An internet search will tell you where to buy, though no guarantees that these "dupes" or "inspired by" substitutes will thrill you as much as the real thing. . As for Santal 33, I tried it at a department store counter and must say it does have a nice smell.

Angelic Readers

One more fluffy/absorbent towels suggestion for reader George D.: Barbara B. likes the Hudson Park Collection at Bloomingdale's, where "the store towel buyer gave me the secret: warm water, very little detergent, NEVER fabric softener and dry on low, even if you have to run it repeatedly." Barbara says, "This has totally worked for me."

Reader Rant

Hannah, P. writes, "I have stopped strangers in the street to tell them that Dawn dishwashing liquid is blue that will stain! I used it on friends' advice on how well it works on clothing stains. Well, it left a totally blue stain I could never remove and now I only use clear liquid dishwashing liquid — usually Ivory. Am I the only one who has had this happen? I want others to be warned about this."

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

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A NEW CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT

Tracts no longer needed by universities being repurposed for fresh projects

By Bob Goldsborough
For the Chicago Tribune

Some recent redevelopment activity in the Chicago area has been coming from an unexpected source: infill parcels no longer needed by institutions of higher learning, including colleges, universities and even religious seminaries.

The projects — and proposed projects — range from all-residential to denser mixed-use developments. In every case, however, the proposed sites are tracts no longer needed by higher education, which makes them available for redevelopment into something else.

Why the retrenchment in educational real estate? Experts say it's a combination of factors, including strained university budgets, declining enrollments, a shift to more online course offerings and a general rethinking of the need for certain properties.

"In recent years, financial pressures, changing demographics and adaptation to new learning models are motivating institutions to rethink their physical assets," said Bill Fahrner, the president and owner of North Carolina-based Credo Higher Education, which consults to colleges and universities on planning issues.

"Mounting deferred maintenance, enrollment and retention stagnation or decline, and adult and online learners with different requirements represent a few of these many challenges," he said. "Institutions should be focused on students and enhancing their learning experience. If a physical asset isn't helping in this endeavor, then it might be time to make a change."

Higher education institutions have been shedding real estate and opening it up to reuse for other purposes for years.

In Evanston, Kendall College — now a part of National Louis

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ELITE STREET

Former Bears CEO sells Libertyville home for $1.2M

By Bob Goldsborough
For the Chicago Tribune

Former Chicago Bears President and CEO Ted Phillips sold his four-bedroom, 3,860-square-foot house in Libertyville for his $1.19 million asking price on March 31.

Phillips, 65, retired from the Bears organization in February. He began working for the team in 1983 in the finance department, and he became the Bears' president and CEO in 1999.

Phillips bought the house in 2008 for $900,000. Built in 2007, the home has 4½ bathrooms, a new mahogany front door, hardwood floors, 8-inch crown moldings and an updated kitchen with new quartz countertops, a work island with a prep sink and newer stainless steel Viking and JennAir appliances. Other features include a family room with a stone fireplace, a formal dining room, a library with custom built-in shelving, a finished basement with 9-foot-high ceilings and a media or game room, and a primary bedroom suite with a second stone fireplace and a walk-in closet.

Phillips placed the home for sale on Jan. 10, and it went under contract to sell just five days later. Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

Listing agent Elizabeth Bryant did not respond to a request for comment on the listing.

The house had a $24,267 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year.

Kris Kridel sold her three-bedroom, 1,855-square-foot condominium in the Bristol building in Streeterville for its $700,000 asking price. **VHT STUDIOS**

Retired WBBM-AM news anchor Kris Kridell sells Streeterville condo for $700,000: Retired WBBM-AM news anchor Kris Kridel on March 13 sold her three-bedroom, 1,855-square-foot condominium on the 12th floor of the Bristol building in Streeterville for its $700,000 asking price.

Kridel retired from WBBM in 2019 after 34 years as a news anchor at the station, where she was known most for her work anchoring the "Noon Business Hour" program and for serving as an afternoon drive anchor.

Kridel paid $700,000 for the condo in 2005. She first listed it on Feb. 9 for that same amount, and she went under contract to sell it just four days later.

The 42-story Bristol building was constructed in 2000. A corner unit, Kridel's former condo has 2½ bathrooms, a kitchen with newer stainless steel appliances, a living/dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows, north and west views, a primary bedroom suite with a dual vanity and a walk-in closet, and another bedroom with an organized closet.

Listing agent Katie Hogan declined to comment on the sale or on where Kridel is headed.

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Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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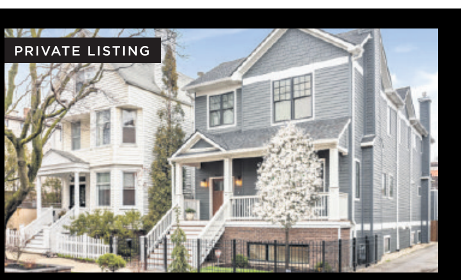

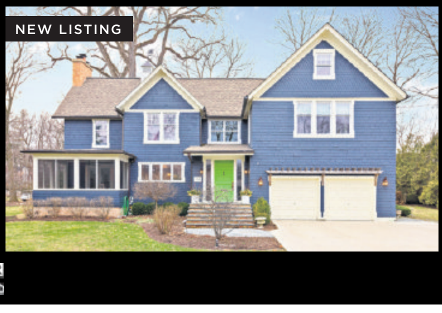

Illinois spring housing market gets early start

Monthly sale and price increases expected as season continues

By Lizzie Kane
Chicago Tribune

Several potential homebuyers arrive to look over a home for sale in Northbrook on March 30, 2022. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Illinois housing market is continuing to cool off from the pandemic housing boom, with the number of home sales still down significantly while prices are holding steady compared with the first quarter of last year, housing experts say.

Yet, for both the Chicago metro area and Illinois as a whole, prices and sales began increasing month-over-month in February and continued the trend in March, according to Illinois Realtors, a trade association for real estate agents.

Illinois Realtors found that as of March, the median price of a home in the city of Chicago was $334,000, up from $312,500 in February. It was $310,000 for the Chicago metro area and $259,000 statewide in March, and $290,000 and $240,000, respectively, in February.

The housing market began its seasonal rebound in February this year, which is earlier than is typical, and home sales and median sale prices are expected to continue to increase as spring moves along, according to housing experts. Spring is typically a time when the number of real estate transactions starts to pick up again after the slower winter months.

"Our forecast is for prices to appreciate through July, but at a lower rate than last year. We expect the number of sales to grow at a faster rate over the next quarter than last year's rate," said Daniel McMillen, head of the department of real estate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in a statement.

Trends coming out of the Chicagoland suburbs are similar to and different from those in Chicago and Illinois. Sales of homes in first quarter 2023 were down significantly compared with the same period last year, with sellers hesitant to list their homes for sale because it would mean trading their low mortgage rates for higher ones, according to Mainstreet Organization of Realtors, a membership association for realtors in DuPage, Lake, and western and southern suburban Cook County. Many sellers are unwilling to trade their low mortgage rates for higher ones, helping to create a severe inventory shortage.

Median sale prices for single-family homes in the Chicagoland suburbs increased 0.6% in March, the first year-over-year increase this year, while median sale prices for attached homes, such as condos and townhomes, remained elevated throughout the first quarter of this year compared with last year, ranging from monthly increases of around 7% to 12%.

The discrepancies in home sale price increases between single-family homes and attached homes can mainly be attributed to two factors, according to Debbie Pawlowicz, president of Mainstreet Organization of Realtors.

Pawlowicz said the first reason is that attached homes tend to have lower price points, making homeownership attainable for most people, and the second reason is that baby boomers have surpassed millennials as the largest percentage of homebuyers nationwide this year, and baby boomers are attracted to attached homes.

Since 2019, there has been a nearly 40% drop in new listings in the Chicago metro area, with that number being closer to 51% when looking at overall property inventory levels since March of that year, according to Zillow.

A property for sale in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood is shown on Aug. 15, 2021. **VASHON JORDAN JR./CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Adding to the inventory challenges are issues stemming from mortgage rates that have been volatile and are higher than what they were in the first quarter of last year. Freddie Mac reported a five-week increase in the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage starting the second week of February, thanks to another interest rate hike from the Fed that month. While rates edged closer to 7%, they remained below last year's 7.08% peak on Nov. 10. Mortgage rates started to come down again in March, and the 30-year fixed-rate averaged 6.39% on April 20, according to Freddie Mac.

Typical monthly mortgage payments in the Chicago metro area for homebuyers who purchased with a 5% down payment are still much higher this quarter year-over-year, with March data from Zillow showing a monthly payment of $1,888, an around 2% month-over-month decrease and a 22% year-over-year increase. If a homebuyer makes a 20% down payment, the monthly mortgage payment goes down to $1,436, a roughly 23% increase from a year ago in March, according to Zillow. Zillow month-over-month data shows that monthly mortgage payments have been trending downward since November, with the exception of the month of February given the spike in mortgage rates then.

U.S. foreclosure activity continued to climb in quarter one of this year, with foreclosure starts for U.S. properties up 29% from a year ago, according to ATTOM, a national property data provider. The same data shows that Illinois had the fifth most foreclosure starts in the country at 4,006, and Chicago had the second most foreclosure starts of major metro areas with populations over 200,000 at 3,549. In Chicago and Illinois, as well as nationally, the number of properties starting the foreclosure process is still below pre-pandemic levels.

"Despite efforts made by government agencies and policy makers to try and reduce foreclosure rates, we are seeing an upward trend in foreclosure activity," Rob Barber, chief executive officer at ATTOM, said in a statement. "This unfortunate trend can be attributed to a variety of factors, such as rising unemployment rates, foreclosure filings making their way through the pipeline after two years of government intervention, and other ongoing economic challenges. However, with many homeowners still having significant home equity, that may help in keeping increased levels of foreclosure activity at bay."

And while the future of mortgage rates still hangs in the balance as the Fed weighs further interest rate hikes, and inventory remains at historically low levels, more want-to-be homebuyers may be jumping in, housing experts say.

"While we continue to see a decline in closed sales that matches the decline in inventory, those who were on the fence during the hectic pandemic market are finding opportunities to enter the market with positive hope," said Sarah Ware, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors, in a statement.

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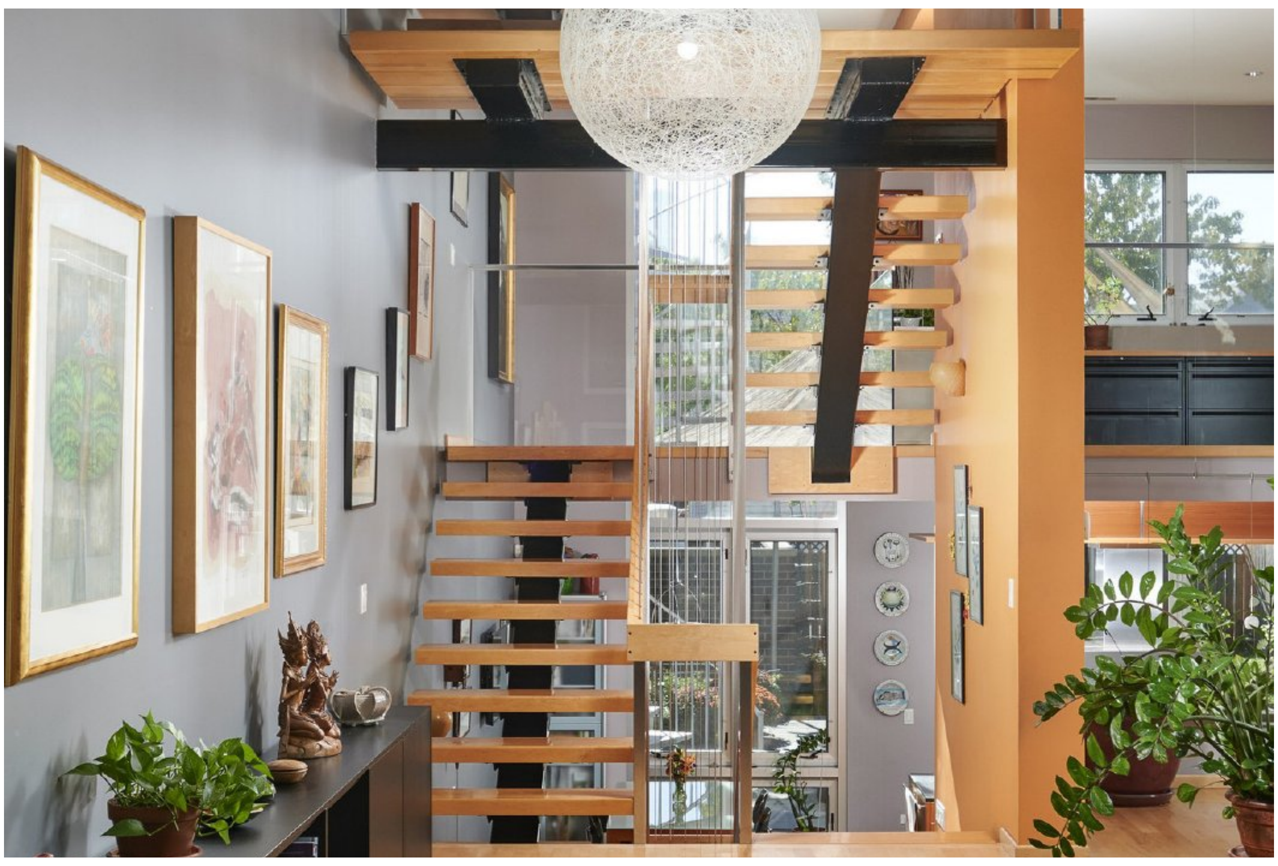

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Old Town 4-bedroom home with custom floating staircase: $2.6M

Address: 323 W. Evergreen Ave., Chicago
Price: $2,625,000
Listed: March 9, 2023

This four-bedroom, 3½-bath home in the Old Town neighborhood features a steel façade, a custom-made floating staircase and a lofted mezzanine in the great room. On the main level, there's a wood-burning fireplace, heated hardwood floors and a dining space. The kitchen on the main level features Bauthaup cabinetry, marble and stainless steel countertops, subzero and Miele appliances and a Viking six-burner range and oven. An additional breakfast island and a walk-in pantry complete the kitchen. The backyard, which connects to the kitchen, has a bluestone patio, a vegetable garden and raised flower beds and a gas fire pit connection. On the second level are three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a recreation room. The third level encompasses the primary suite of the home, with custom closets and an en suite bathroom. This home is completed by a primary bathroom that comes with Grohe fixtures, heated floors, a walk-in shower, a Jacuzzi and a private deck.

Agent: Ryan Preuett, Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 312-371-5951 or 312-837-1111

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The Homestead at Morton Grove	Morton Grove, IL 60053	847-581-1800				SA	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
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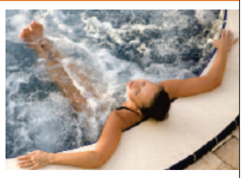
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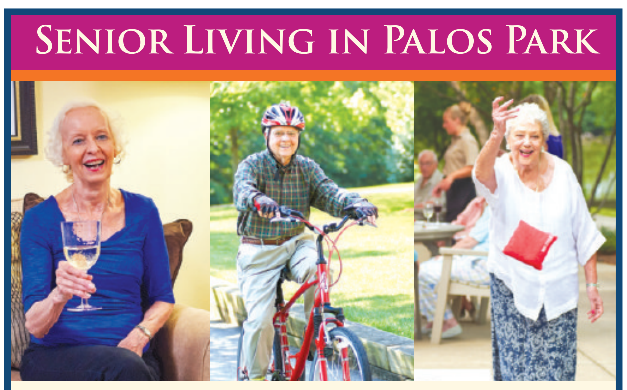
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University — relocated to Chicago's Goose Island and sold its 3.3-acre campus in Evanston in 2003 to developer Smithfield Properties, which proposed building 16 single-family homes and eight town homes on the former campus. The project languished for years, and much later, another developer emerged and won approval to build 19 single-family homes on the property.

And near Lombard, Bethany Theological Seminary vacated a 51-acre property on Butterfield Road in 1994 when it moved to Richmond, Indiana. Several years later, the seminary sold the property to a developer who created the Fountain Square development, which contains a mix of retail stores, restaurants, 270 condominium units and a hotel.

To be sure, plenty of development is taking place on properties that aren't former university sites. But the recent spate of activity is hard to ignore, particularly in light of higher costs, declining university enrollments nationwide and shifts to online courses.

Sites once occupied by Wheaton College, Northern Seminary, Trinity International University and DeVry University are among those proposed for redevelopment.

Wheaton College

Since 1997, Wheaton College has owned a sprawling one-story building that once belonged to Christian publishing firm Scripture Press. The college acquired the 15.82-acre site on the border of Wheaton and Glen Ellyn shortly after Scripture Press relocated to Colorado and has used it for storage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the building also was used as quarantine housing for students.

Now, however, with Wheaton College having purchased two buildings adjacent to its campus in October for $1.1 million, the college plans to vacate the old Scripture Press building by the end of July, and it's working with a Glen Ellyn developer, who is proposing razing the building and constructing either 90 town homes or 278 multifamily units on the property.

Any proposal is complicated, Glen Ellyn and Wheaton officials have said, because the land is in both communities and therefore an intergovernmental agreement — and, likely an annexation and disconnection agreement — would need to be struck between the two towns. In addition, about three-fourths of the site — including the entire building — sits in a flood plain.

Joseph Moore, a college spokesman, declined to comment further beyond a statement that the college sent the campus community last fall, noting that the opportunity to sell the old Scripture Press "helps right-size our physical campus footprint while moving to a location that is directly connected to main campus."

Northern Seminary

In Lombard, Northern Seminary in 2021 sold its 27.55-acre former campus — located in a high-profile spot on Butterfield Road between the Yorktown shopping mall, the Westin Lombard Hotel and other office and retail developments — for an undisclosed amount to Schaumburg-based developer Hoffmann Alpha Omega Development Group, which won approval for a mixed-use project on the site.

As far back as 2007, the Baptist seminary had been studying vacating the campus, where it had operated since 1963, and it moved its operations to a training center in Lisle in 2017, as it began focusing on livestreaming and on-demand education. That sparked a desire to divest the Lombard property, which is in a prime location.

In late 2020, Hoffmann unveiled plans for the site, including a combined Moretti's restaurant and golf driving range complex called GolfSocial, along with apartments, some retail space, a car wash, a gas station, a new north-south through street and the draining and relocating of a retention pond. Lombard's Village Board approved the project in January 2021, and then in April 2021 approved up to $27.5 million in incentives to the developer over an 18-year period. The seminary then formally sold the property to Hoffmann in May 2021.

The plan appealed to Lombard officials, who have been championing the recent revitalization of the Yorktown shopping center, as well as a move toward more entertainment and experiential activities in that area.

After receiving zoning approval and a tax incentive from Lombard, Hoffmann razed all former seminary buildings but more recently has ceased site work before fully clearing the property, frustrating not just village officials but also those staying in the nearby Westin Chicago Lombard Hotel, who have looked out their hotel room windows to the east to see both the Chicago skyline but also, immediately below, piles of debris and no current activity on the old seminary site, said Lombard Village President Keith Giagnorio.

"There's mountains of cement, mountains of clay and dirt and debris and everything stopped (on the site)," Giagnorio said. "It's really disappointing."

Now, village officials said, Hoffmann no longer plans to proceed with the development and instead has hired Chicago-based real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle to find a new buyer and developer for the land. Jones Lang LaSalle is looking for interested parties to identify themselves by the end of April.

"We'd like to see something fit in that entertainment corridor and also that would result in people staying at our hotels," Lombard Village Manager Scott Niehaus said.

Trinity International University

In Bannockburn, Trinity International University in February announced that it would end residential and in-person undergraduate education as of the end of the spring 2023 semester, with the exception of one bachelor's degree program related to its master of divinity program.

The decision — attributed in a Feb. 17 news release to declining college enrollments nationwide at private liberal arts colleges and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic — will result in the university selling some portion of its 111-acre campus on busy Half Day Road in Bannockburn.

Officials at Trinity are studying which portions of the campus to sell. How the property would be redeveloped has not yet been decided, although that corridor of Half Day Road presently has some office and other institutional uses.

"While we don't have a concrete timetable, the plan is to divest certain portions of the Bannockburn campus, and we are currently working with civil engineers and master planning architects toward that end," Trinity spokesman Chris Donato told the Tribune. "Our internal announcement to the Trinity community on Feb. 17 included this development in various internal meetings throughout that day."

Bannockburn Village Manager Stephanie Hannon noted that the village is in the midst of updating its comprehensive plan. The village hasn't yet envisioned a specific use for any part of a redeveloped Trinity campus, she said.

"As of right now, based on what the current plan is, it's basically a college district," she said. "We have not determined any other uses for it right now as a board. From our standpoint, we began working on our comprehensive plan and we got a RISE (Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Development) grant to look at all the different areas (in the village), especially the office areas that have been stuck by COVID, and so all of that is weighing on us as well."

DeVry University

A corporate shuffle has sparked a move for DeVry University's Naperville education center and its corporate headquarters.

In 2004, the for-profit university paid $8.12 million for a two-story, 109,000-square-foot building on a 9.5-acre parcel on Diehl Road, in an area with other higher education institutions, including a satellite campus belonging to Northern Illinois University.

In 2018, DeVry moved its home office from Downers Grove to the Diehl Road building in Naperville, and the following year, the company moved education centers located in Downers Grove and Naperville to the Diehl Road site as well.

Separately, in 2018, DeVry's parent, Adtalem Global Education, sold DeVry to California-based Cogswell Education. However, Adtalem retained ownership of the Diehl Road building.

Now, with DeVry's lease ending in December, Adtalem has placed the building up for sale through broker CBRE, which is marketing the property as a redevelopment.

Where would DeVry, which has been shifting much of its educational programs online, relocate? A DeVry official said the company will move both its headquarters and the in-person course offerings in the Diehl Road building to the Central Park office building, which is a few blocks away, at the southeast corner of Naperville and Warrenville roads in Lisle.

On March 20, Lisle's Village Board approved a zoning change to allow DeVry to use about 17,600 square feet in the building for classes, and a DeVry official subsequently told the Tribune that the company's headquarters space would move to the building as well.

"DeVry University remains committed to the community and those colleagues and students we serve and support," the school emailed the Tribune in a statement. "This is evident in the use of our locations and how we balance our real estate footprint with a predominantly remote workforce serving mostly online students. We are in the process of finalizing a lease for relocating our home office and student center from Naperville to the Village of Lisle. We expect to be in the new location by the start of the November 2023 session on October 23, pending approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission."

Robert Morris University

In Chicago's Loop, a high-profile longtime university building has a new owner and likely has hosted university-level classes for the final time. Once the downtown Chicago flagship store of Sears, Roebuck & Co., the eight-story landmark building at 401 S. State St. was the home of the now-defunct Robert Morris University from 1996 until the university merged with Roosevelt University in 2020.

Robert Morris University only had ever rented the building from real estate investor Steven Cuculich's Rampante Realty company, and after the merger, the university stopped paying rent on the space, even though its lease runs into 2024.

Rampante had bought the building in 2016 for $68 million, then stopped making its loan payments on the building. Then in March, lender CWCapital Asset Management took ownership of the building from Rampante in a judicial sale.

Kristina Corso, a spokeswoman for CWCapital, declined to comment on what's next for the former Robert Morris building, which is a national historic landmark.

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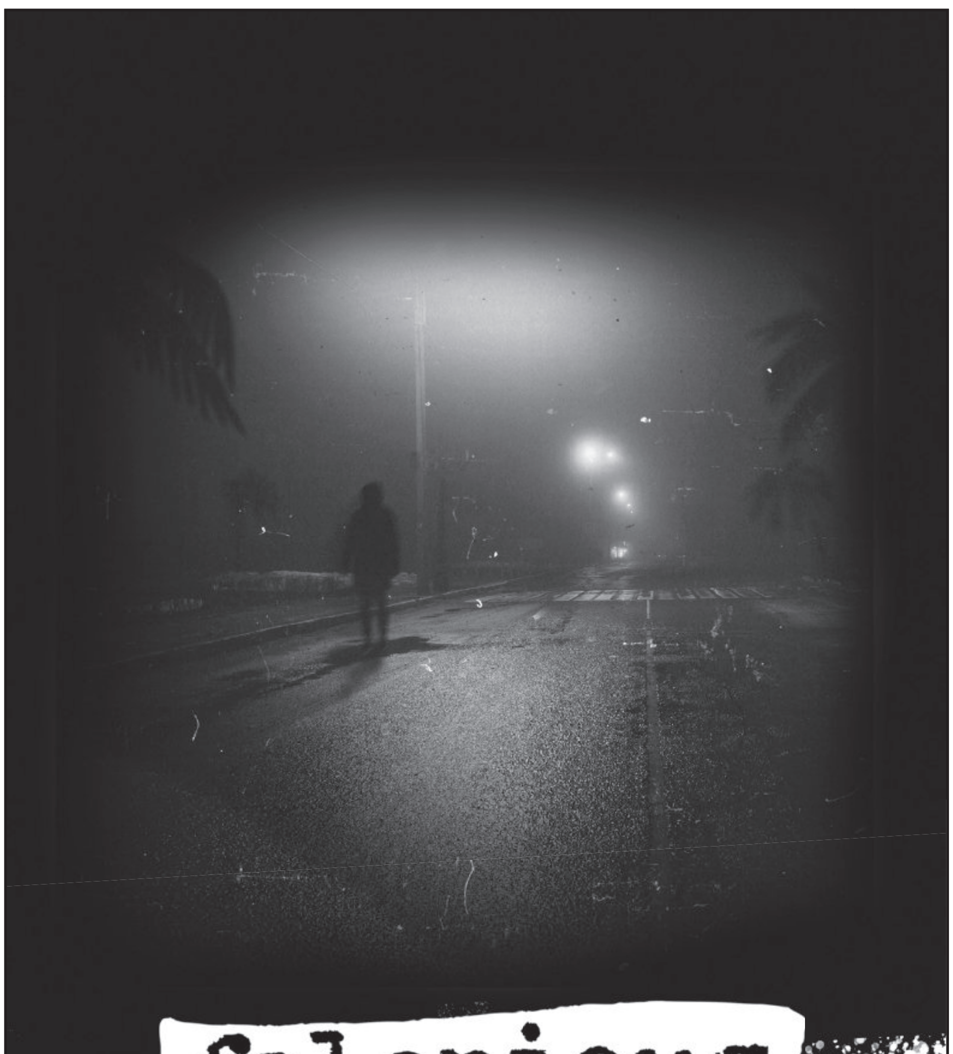

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Parent deals with ownership query after son's death

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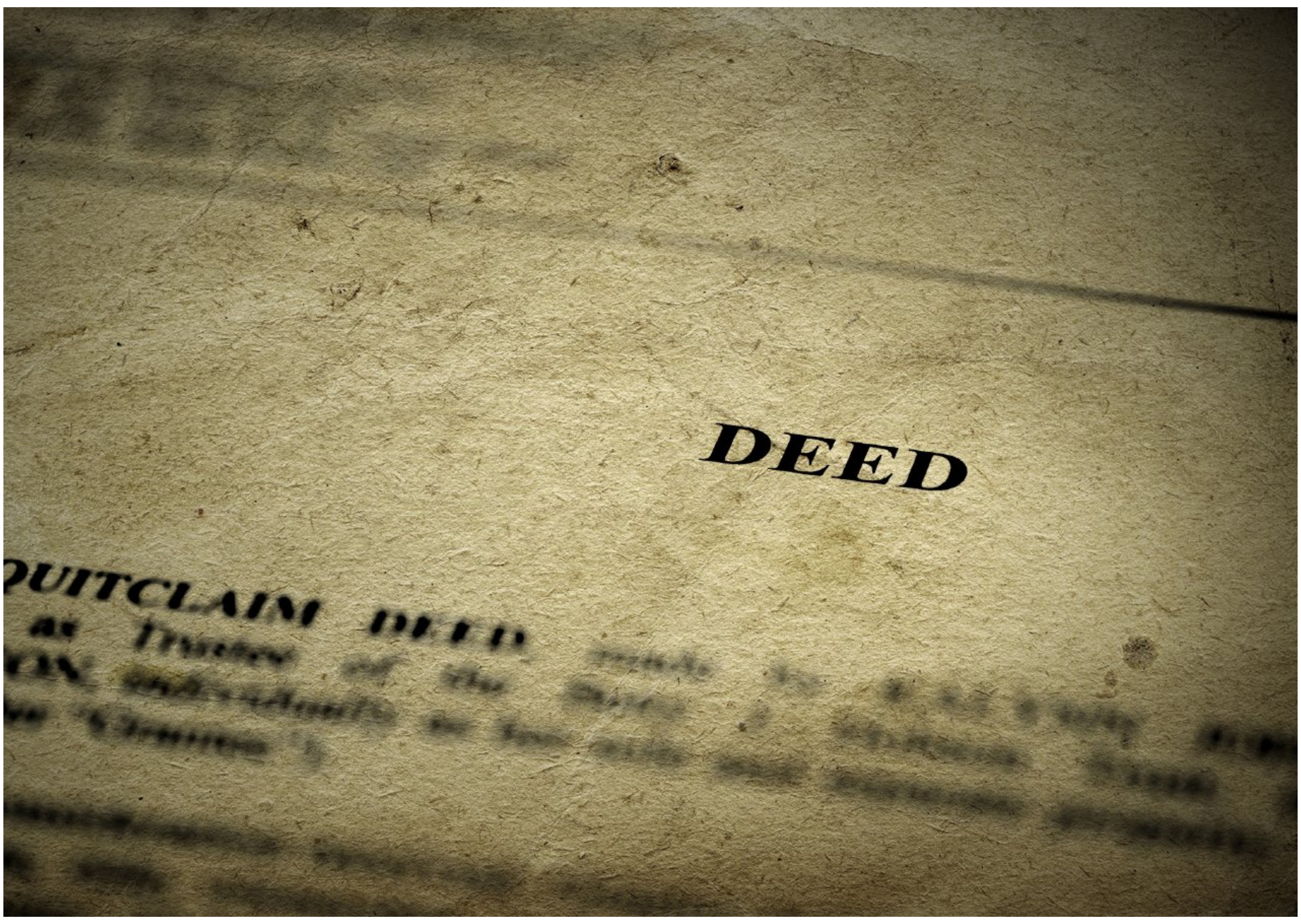

The law has certain requirements that you must follow to transfer ownership of real estate from one person to another. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I was approved for a home loan, found a home and was ready to buy it. My son was one year into his army career, but didn't have great credit. He heard about a plan for first-time homebuyers and applied for a loan in his name. He closed on the home I was going to buy.

We paid about $200,000 for the home and made around $25,000 of improvements to the home. I paid for the down payment for the home, the home improvements, the monthly mortgage, insurance, homeowners association and real estate tax payments. He lived in the house for five years and then moved out. He added me to the title to the home at that time and a year later gifted me the home and signed a paper showing that I had paid for the home improvements, the monthly payments and all the housing expenses.

He got married and he and his wife signed a document indicating that they had no interest in the home. Six years later, he and his wife moved into the home and they started making the payments on the home and paid me $20,000 as a down payment on the more than $50,000 he owed me. He and his wife lived in the home for eight years when he died.

In that time, the value of the home tripled but now a judge said that his wife only owes me $20,000 and took me off the title to the home. That seems unfair and wrong. What can I do?

A: We're sorry for the loss of your son. Sometimes grief exacerbates issues that would, in other circumstances, be just about money.

Your question is complicated and we suspect that the facts of your ownership of the home may not follow the paperwork. Sometimes people think that by simply writing things down, their written word will be sufficient and they won't need anything else to prove ownership.

You mentioned you were approved for a loan, but your son decided to buy the home due to his military status and his ability to obtain a mortgage benefit as a first-time homebuyer. We suspect that when your son closed on the home, he was the only person on the title to the property.

You and your son made improvements to the home and you gave him the money to pay for those improvements. More on that in a moment.

It's unclear from your letter how or if your name was actually put on the title to the home. Once your son closed on the purchase of the home and was the sole owner of the home, he would have had to sign legal documents to put you on the title to the home.

Later, you say you were the sole owner of the home and your son and his wife signed something that stated they had no interest in the home. They signed something, but we suspect they didn't sign the kind of document that would have relinquished all their rights to the home.

We don't have sufficient space to go through all the details. But, for you to have had the sole ownership of the home, your son should have conveyed his ownership to you by some form of a deed. It could have been a quitclaim deed or warranty deed, or perhaps some other sort of deed. This deed would have been signed by your son and recorded or filed in the office that handles real estate recordings or filings in the state in which the property is located. That filing would have put the world on notice that ownership in the property had changed.

It's important to note that once your son was married, and he and his wife lived in the home as their primary residence, his wife should have also signed that deed. His wife would have needed to sign the deed to waive any rights she might have in the home as a spouse.

If any of these steps were not taken correctly, it's possible that your son remained the only owner of the home from the start. It's possible that you might never have been the legal title owner to the home, even if you paid for the entire home and all of the upgrades.

It would be unusual for a judge to simply take you off the title to the home if you were the legal owner of the home.

We suspect that the judge may have found that the paperwork surrounding the transfer of ownership was faulty. Still, he clearly found that you were owed some money on top of the money you already received in repayment.

We assume you worked with an attorney and hope your attorney explained why you got this result in the end. The law has certain requirements that you must follow in order to transfer ownership of real estate from one person to another.

To our readers: You must understand that just because you write something down on paper (whether it's a clean sheet of paper or the back of a napkin), it doesn't mean that document is legally binding. If you want to transfer ownership of a piece of property, hire an attorney to assist you in preparing the right documents correctly and then filing them appropriately. That way, what you want gets done the way you want.

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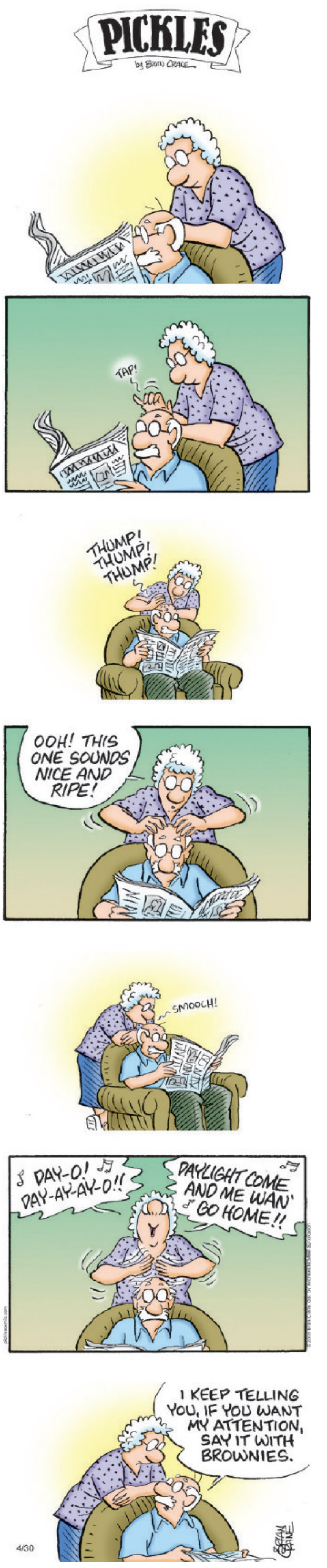
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THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!
OOH! THIS ONE SOUNDS NICE AND RIPE!
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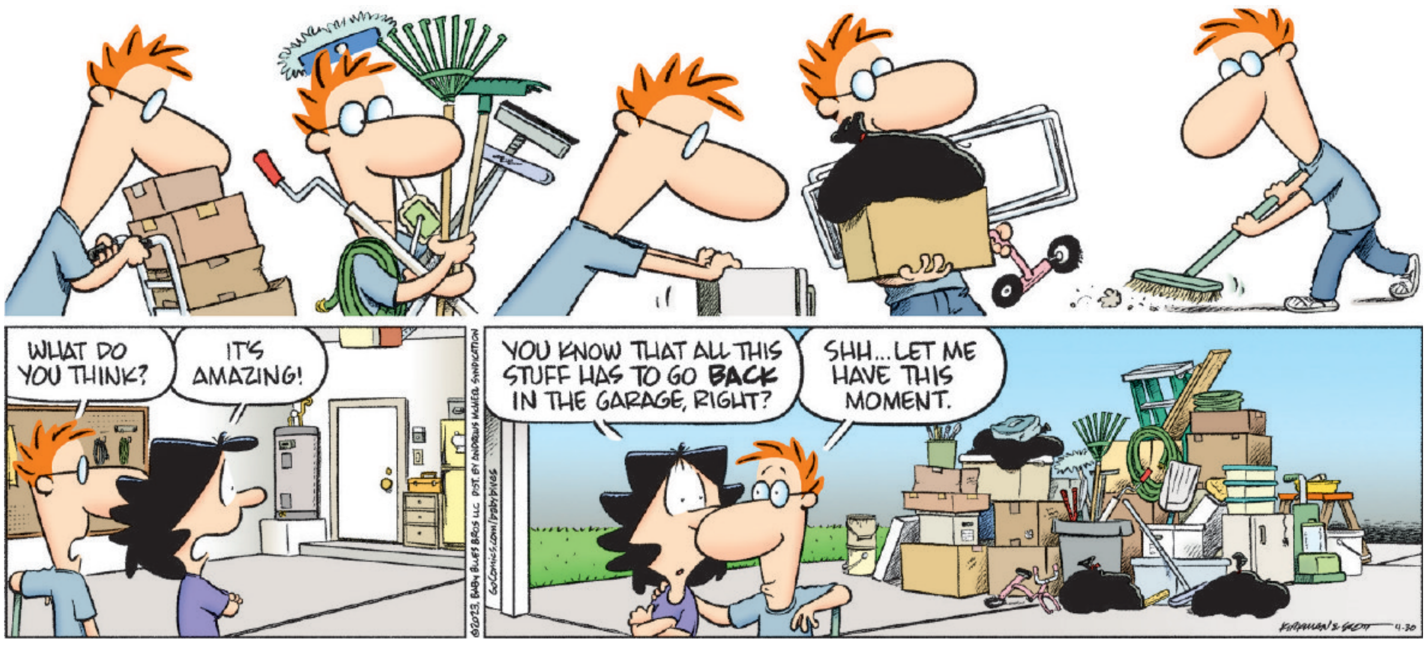
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S AMAZING!
YOU KNOW THAT ALL THIS STUFF HAS TO GO BACK IN THE GARAGE, RIGHT?
SHH...LET ME HAVE THIS MOMENT.
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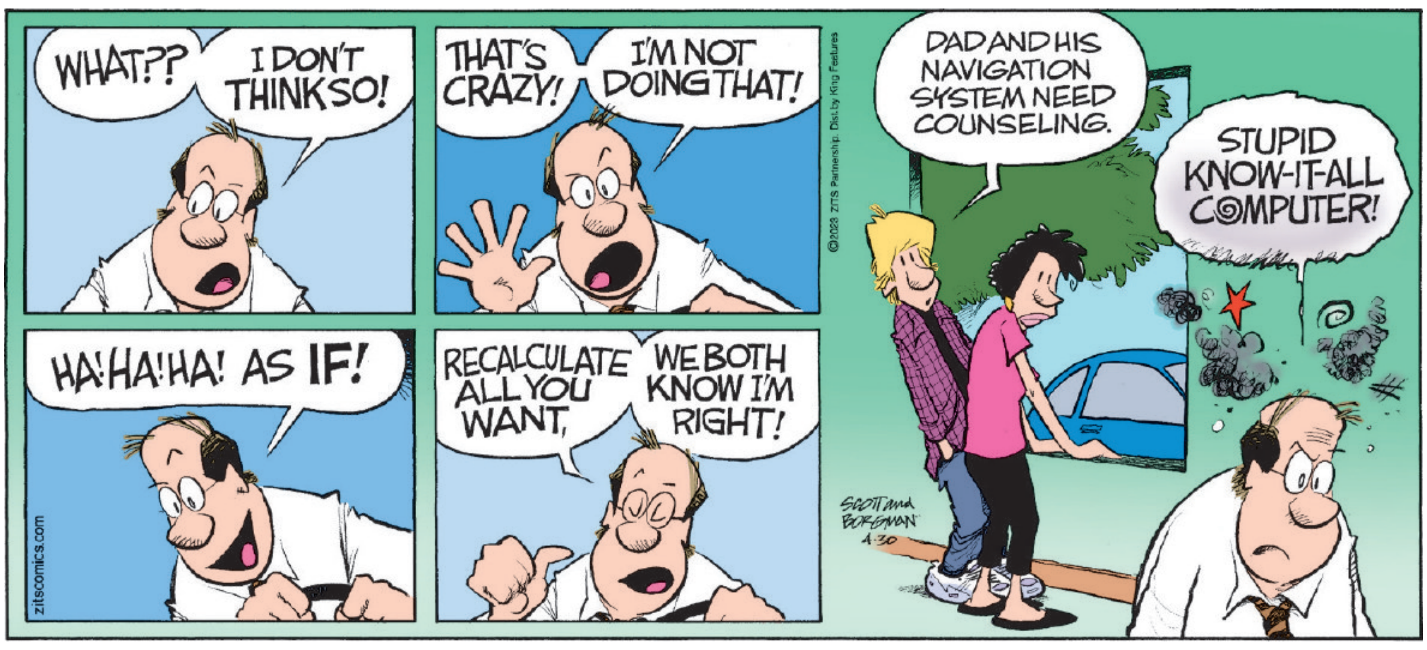
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I DON'T THINK SO!
THAT'S CRAZY!
I'M NOT DOING THAT!
HA! HA! HA! AS IF!
RECALCULATE ALL YOU WANT,
WE BOTH KNOW I'M RIGHT!
DAD AND HIS NAVIGATION SYSTEM NEED COUNSELING.
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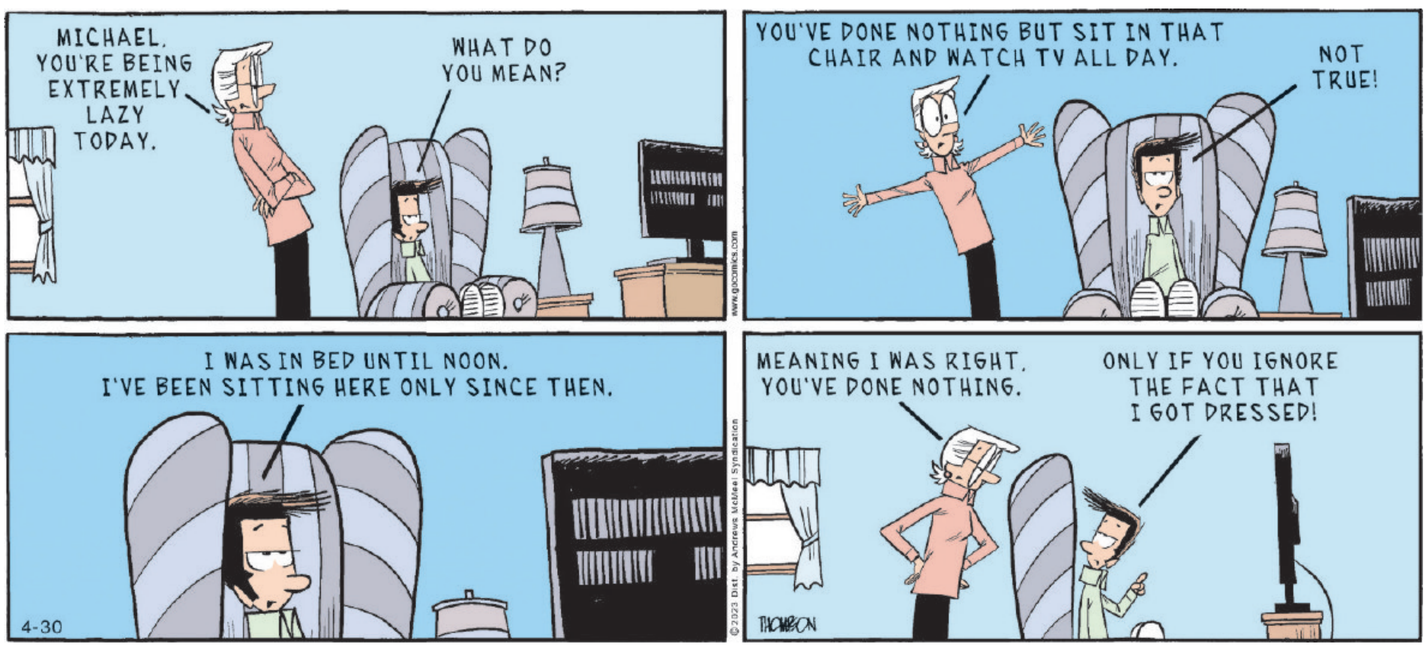
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT SIT IN THAT CHAIR AND WATCH TV ALL DAY.
NOT TRUE!
I WAS IN BED UNTIL NOON. I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE ONLY SINCE THEN.
MEANING I WAS RIGHT. YOU'VE DONE NOTHING.
ONLY IF YOU IGNORE THE FACT THAT I GOT DRESSED!
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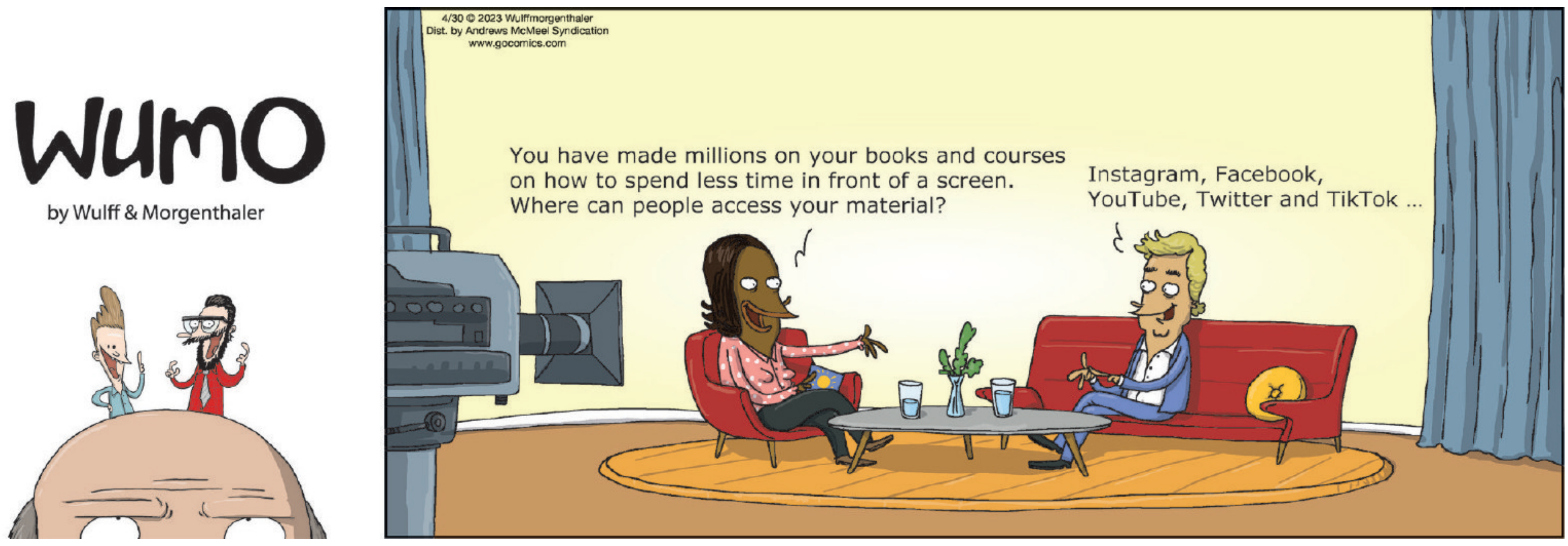
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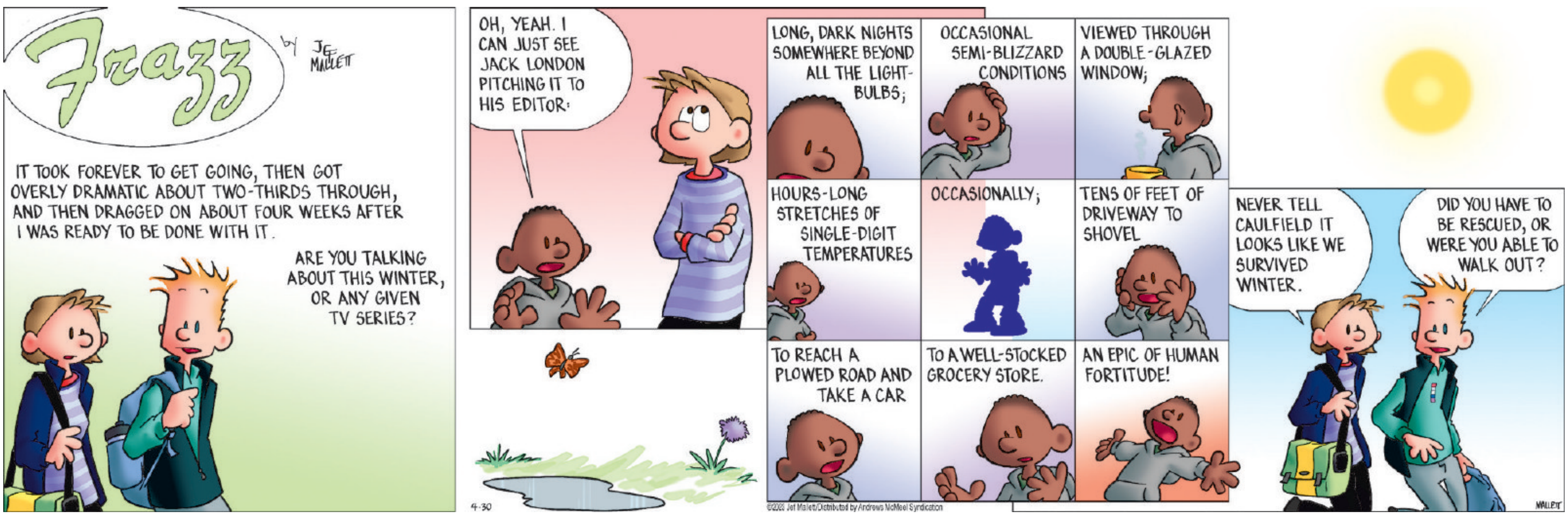
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IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET GOING, THEN GOT OVERLY DRAMATIC ABOUT TWO-THIRDS THROUGH, AND THEN DRAGGED ON ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AFTER I WAS READY TO BE DONE WITH IT.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THIS WINTER, OR ANY GIVEN TV SERIES?
OH, YEAH. I CAN JUST SEE JACK LONDON PITCHING IT TO HIS EDITOR:
LONG, DARK NIGHTS SOMEWHERE BEYOND ALL THE LIGHT-BULBS;
OCCASIONAL SEMI-BLIZZARD CONDITIONS
VIEWED THROUGH A DOUBLE-GLAZED WINDOW;
HOURS-LONG STRETCHES OF SINGLE-DIGIT TEMPERATURES
OCCASIONALLY;
TENS OF FEET OF DRIVEWAY TO SHOVEL
TO REACH A PLOWED ROAD AND TAKE A CAR
TO A WELL-STOCKED GROCERY STORE.
AN EPIC OF HUMAN FORTITUDE!
NEVER TELL CAULFIELD IT LOOKS LIKE WE SURVIVED WINTER.
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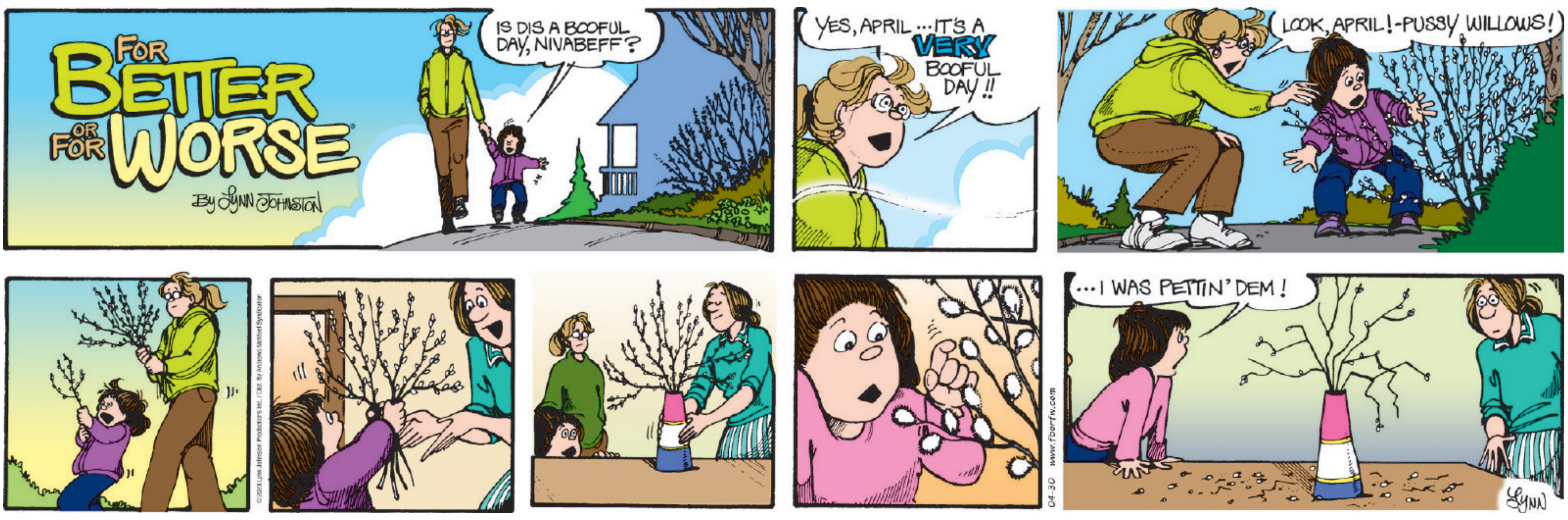
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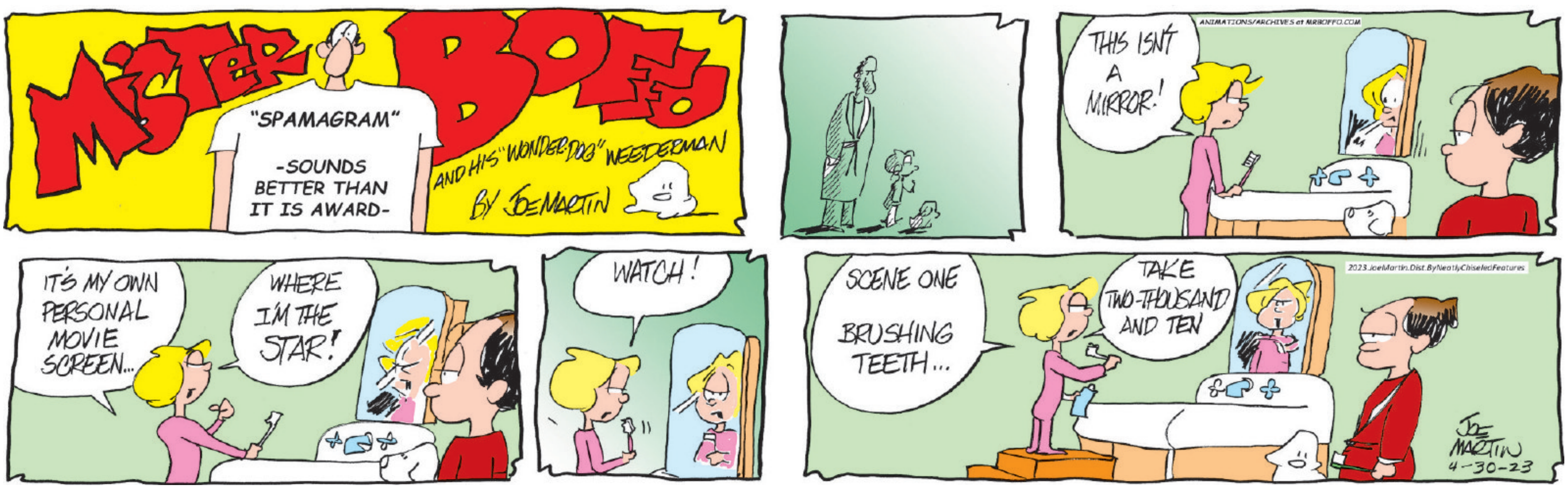
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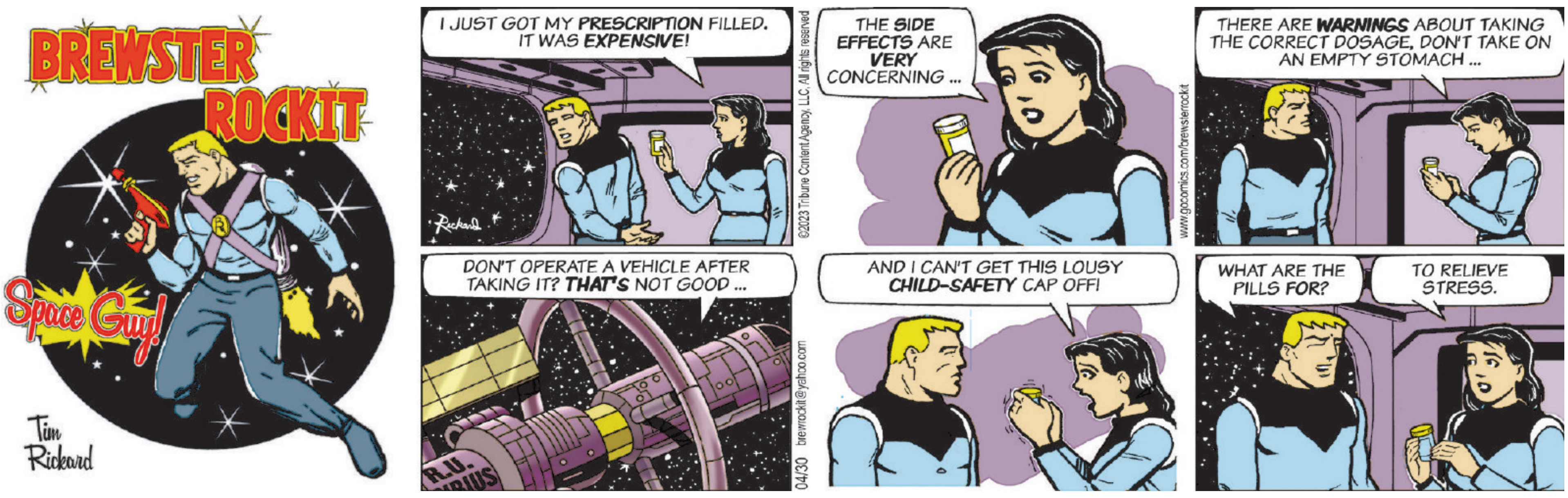
BREWSTER ROCKIT
Space Guy!
Tim Rickard
I JUST GOT MY PRESCRIPTION FILLED. IT WAS EXPENSIVE!
Rickard
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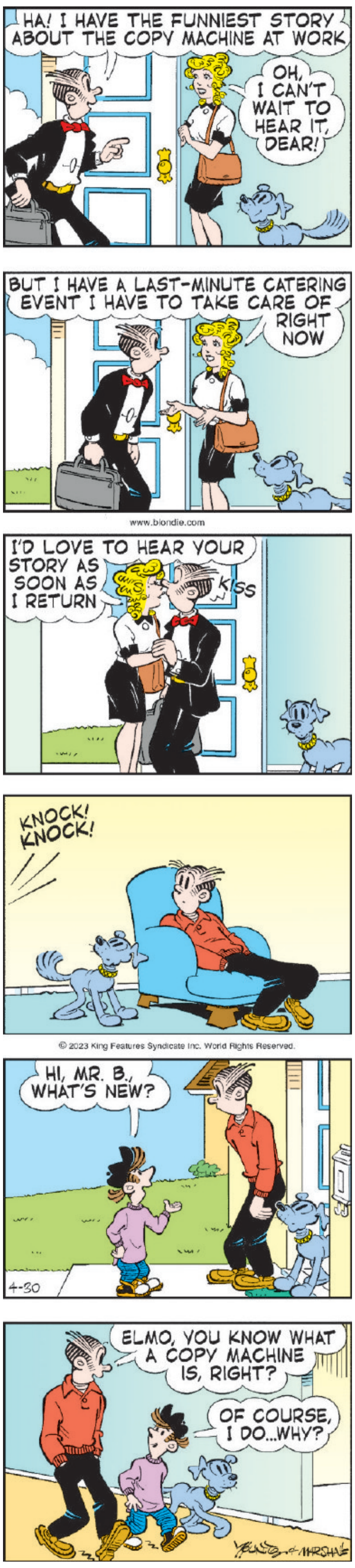
THE SIDE EFFECTS ARE VERY CONCERNING ...
www.gocomics.com/brewsterrockit
THERE ARE WARNINGS ABOUT TAKING THE CORRECT DOSAGE, DON'T TAKE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH ...
DON'T OPERATE A VEHICLE AFTER TAKING IT? THAT'S NOT GOOD ...
R.U. SIRIUS
04/30 brewrockit@yahoo.com
AND I CAN'T GET THIS LOUSY CHILD-SAFETY CAP OFF!
WHAT ARE THE PILLS FOR?
TO RELIEVE STRESS.

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


HA! I HAVE THE FUNNIEST STORY ABOUT THE COPY MACHINE AT WORK
OH, I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR IT, DEAR!
BUT I HAVE A LAST-MINUTE CATERING EVENT I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF RIGHT NOW
www.blondie.com
I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORY AS SOON AS I RETURN
KISS
KNOCK! KNOCK!
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HI, MR. B., WHAT'S NEW?
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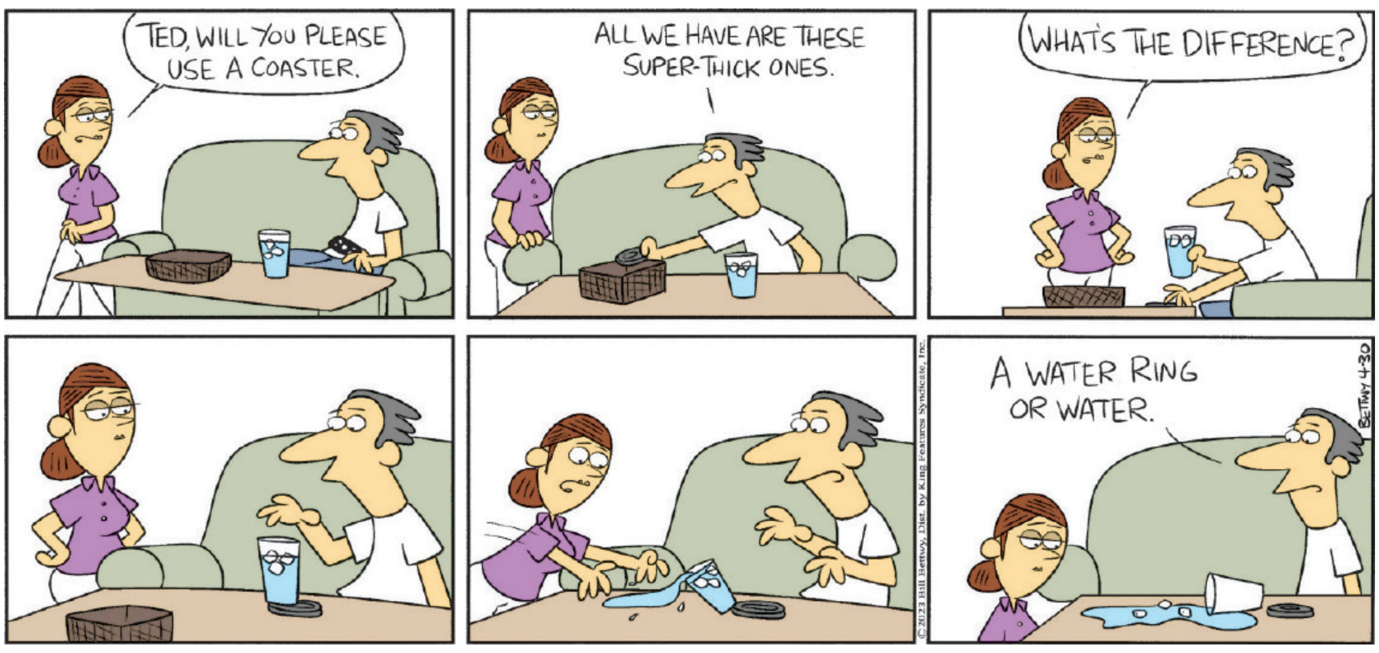
ELMO, YOU KNOW WHAT A COPY MACHINE IS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE, I DO...WHY?
YOUNG & MARSHALL

Take It From the Tinkersons By Bill Bettwy


TED, WILL YOU PLEASE USE A COASTER.
ALL WE HAVE ARE THESE SUPER-THICK ONES.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
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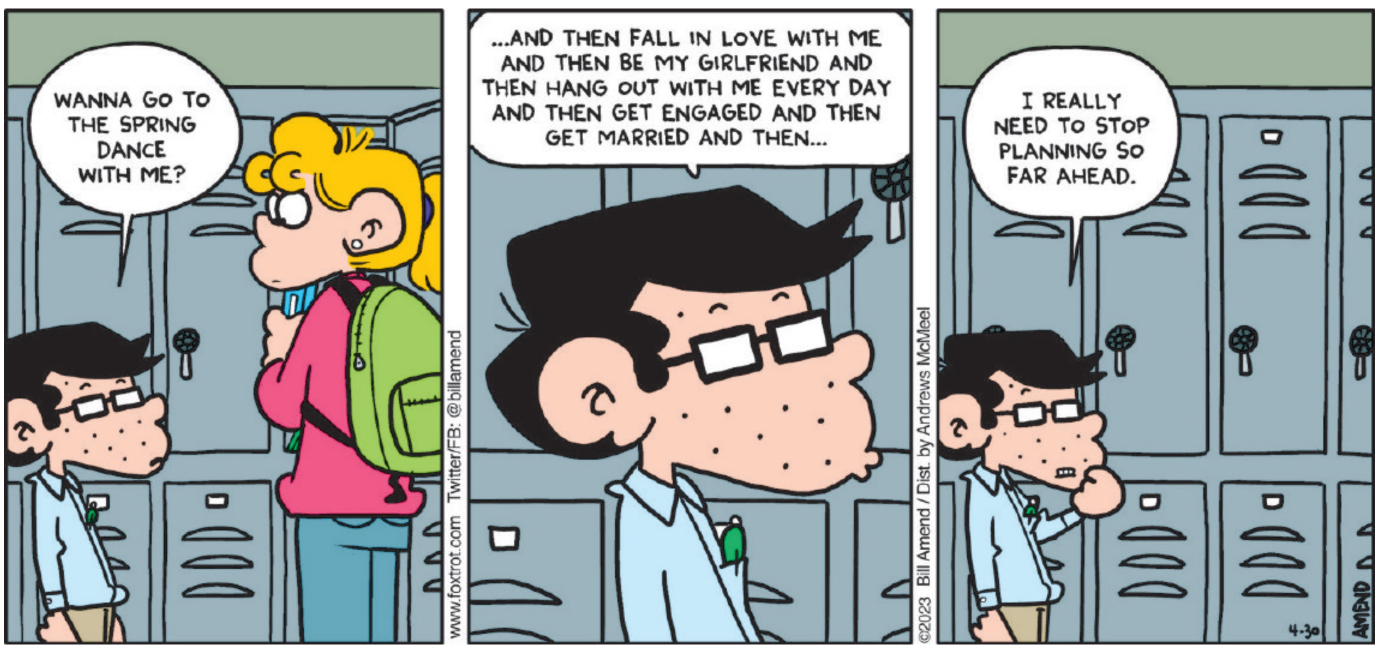
A WATER RING OR WATER.
BETTWY 4-30

FoxTrot By Bill Amend


WANNA GO TO THE SPRING DANCE WITH ME?
www.foxtrot.com Twitter/FB: @billamend
...AND THEN FALL IN LOVE WITH ME AND THEN BE MY GIRLFRIEND AND THEN HANG OUT WITH ME EVERY DAY AND THEN GET ENGAGED AND THEN GET MARRIED AND THEN...
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I REALLY NEED TO STOP PLANNING SO FAR AHEAD.
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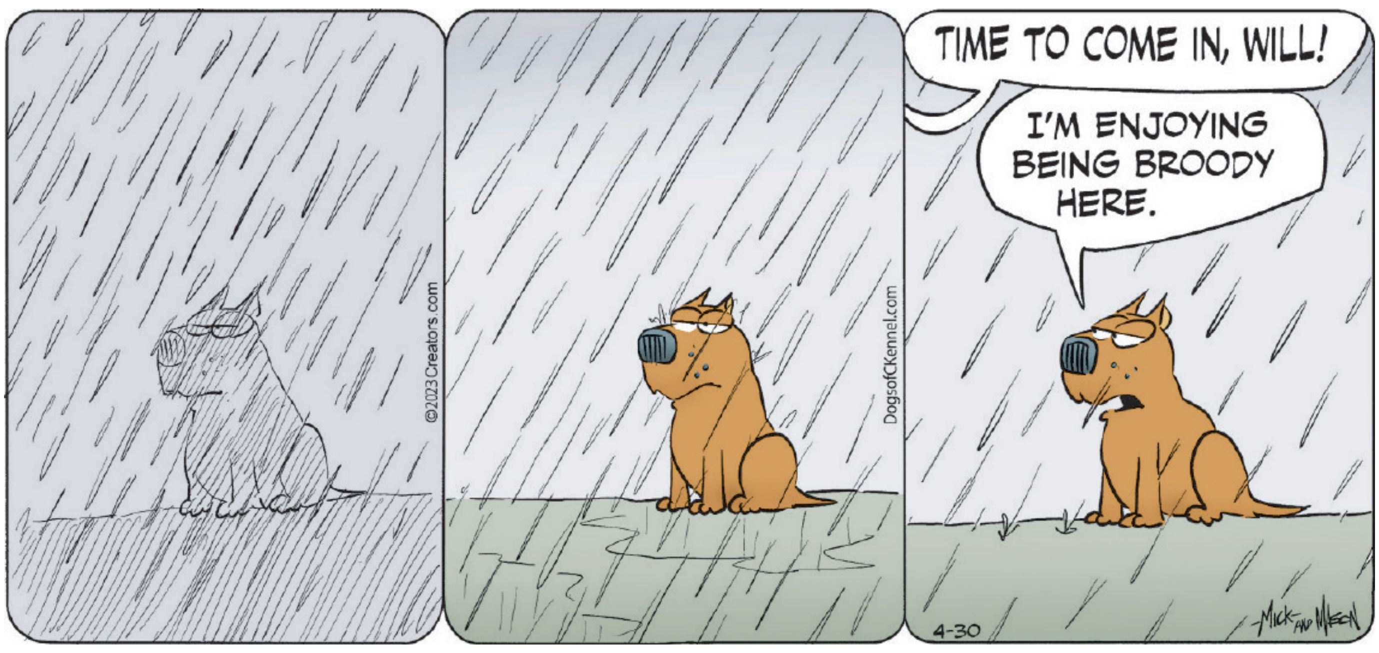
AMEND

Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni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DogsofCKennel.com
TIME TO COME IN, WILL!
I'M ENJOYING BEING BROODY HERE.
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MICK AND MASON

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Triple Doubles: People, places and things

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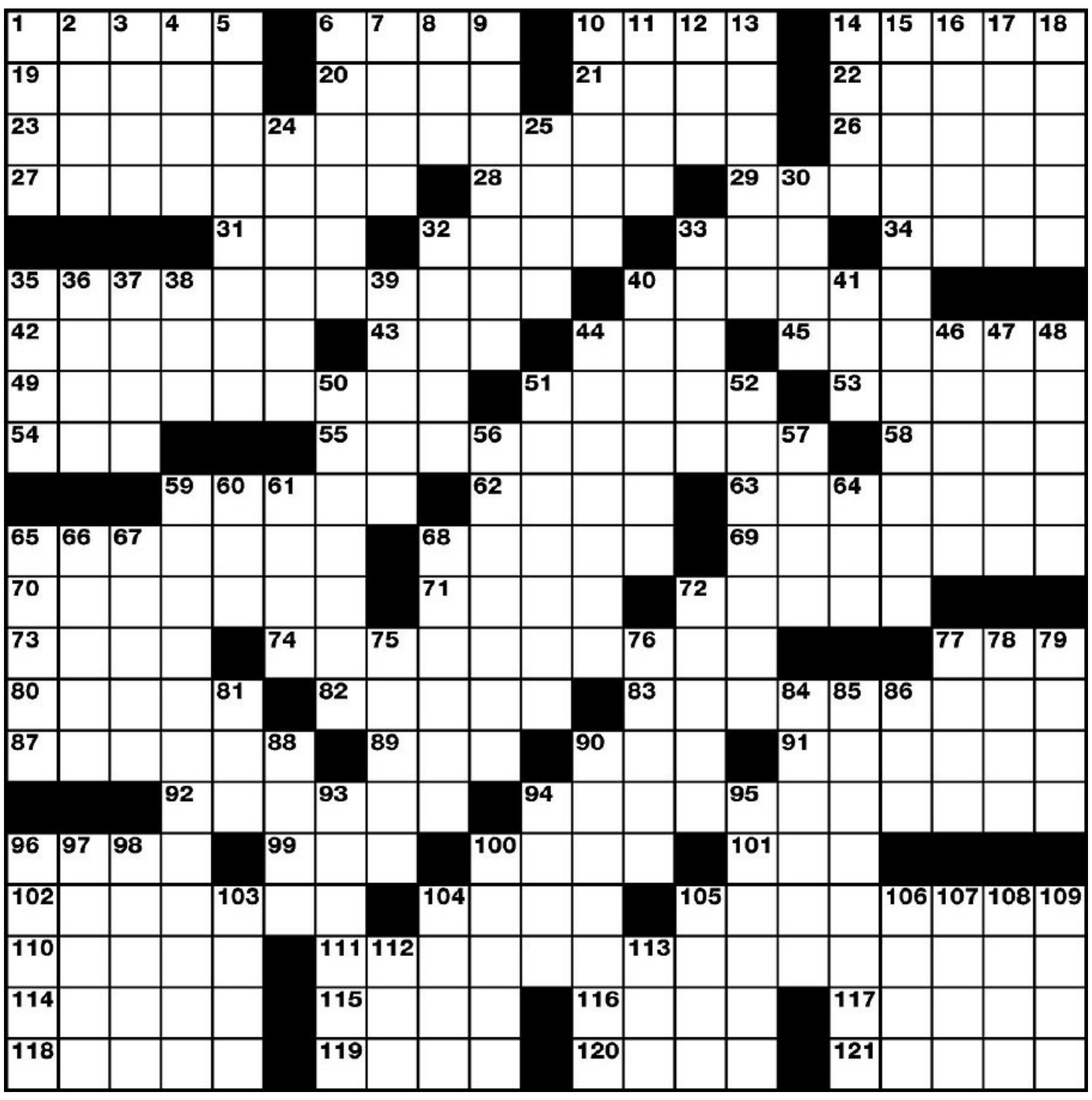

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Across

1 Branch of Medicare
6 Rebuff rudely
10 Goodie bag contents
14 Scourges
19 State with a panhandle
20 College in a Big Apple suburb
21 Shirt section
22 Select group
23 Impressionist who mentored Cézanne
26 Hello at Hilo
27 Seafood serving style
28 Steinway & __
29 Weep noisily
31 Anderson Cooper's channel
32 Auctioned off
33 __ Paulo, Brazil
34 Sushi fish
35 Temporary body art
40 Emotional support
42 Stir up
43 Actor McKellen
44 Youngster
45 Skims the grease from
49 Incredulity
51 Blocks that lock
53 Host with a book club
54 Road hazard
55 Specialty grinder
58 "Mamma Mia" group
59 Mideast's __ Heights
62 Pop singer Del Rey
63 Beginning of a challenge
65 Initiate
68 Some RSVPs
69 Begins a knitting project
70 Prepare for printing
71 Feeling sore
72 Compassionate treatment
73 Art Deco designer
74 Ledger user
77 Clothespin, for instance
80 Political policy experts
82 Buckley spy novel character Blackford __
83 Former
87 Rallying cry
89 Telejournalist Koppel
90 Blurt out
91 Fountainhead
92 Warm-up act
94 Capital on a panhandle
96 Ran in the wash
99 Former cosmonaut home
100 Bath bubbles
101 S&L account entry
102 Reaches, as Boardwalk
104 Biceps exercise
105 Permeate
110 Without a clue
111 Legendary planter
114 Grinch creator
115 A __ "answer"
116 Maritime: Abbr.
117 Carried on
118 Lock of hair
119 PlayStation maker
120 What we both have
121 Origami birds

Down

1 Typesetting width
2 Eden gardener
3 Hero of Hindu epics
4 Highly diluted
5 Crime series subject
6 "Burnt" color
7 "Forget it"
8 Prefix for verse
9 Oboe kin
10 Easel, for instance
11 Major conflicts
12 Balloon contents
13 Worldwide
14 Gentleman caller
15 Pure burger
16 Mythical weeper
17 JFK sister-in-law
18 Scorches
24 Door frame part
25 Unaccompanied
30 Laundry batch
32 Workforce
33 "Same here"
35 "__ but known ..."
36 Guitarist Clapton
37 Support for spectacles
38 Very short pencil
39 Attach with a rope
40 Sorority letters
41 Mgmt. bigwig
44 Visual perceptiveness
46 Wendy's alternative
47 Out of bounds
48 Name related to John
50 "You just watch me!"
51 Dog walkers' needs
52 Sandwich shop machines
56 Speckled
57 Beam with a right-angle bend
59 Artemis or Aphrodite
60 Game extenders: Abbr.
61 Singer/songwriter Lisa
64 PC "get out" button
65 Frets
66 Austrian Alpine region
67 City address abbr.
68 Chatterbox
72 Oscar winner as Sophie and Margaret
75 Picture with posses
76 Rings out
77 *Animal Farm* leaders
78 Writer Wiesel
79 Heredity bit
81 Maple product
84 Under control
85 Candy coverings
86 __ Majesty King Charles III
88 Verne captain
90 "Alas, I can't"
93 Shogun's warriors
94 Revolve
95 Skilled ones
96 Great time
97 Some other time
98 Happen next
100 Fair forecast
103 Cheekiness
104 Violin holder
105 Egg on
106 "Was it a cat __?" (palindrome)
107 St. Petersburg's river
108 Older youngster
109 Probabilities
112 Barcelona he-bear
113 Junior Olympics org.

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Inbox Zero

By Matthew Stock & Stacey Yaruss McCullough
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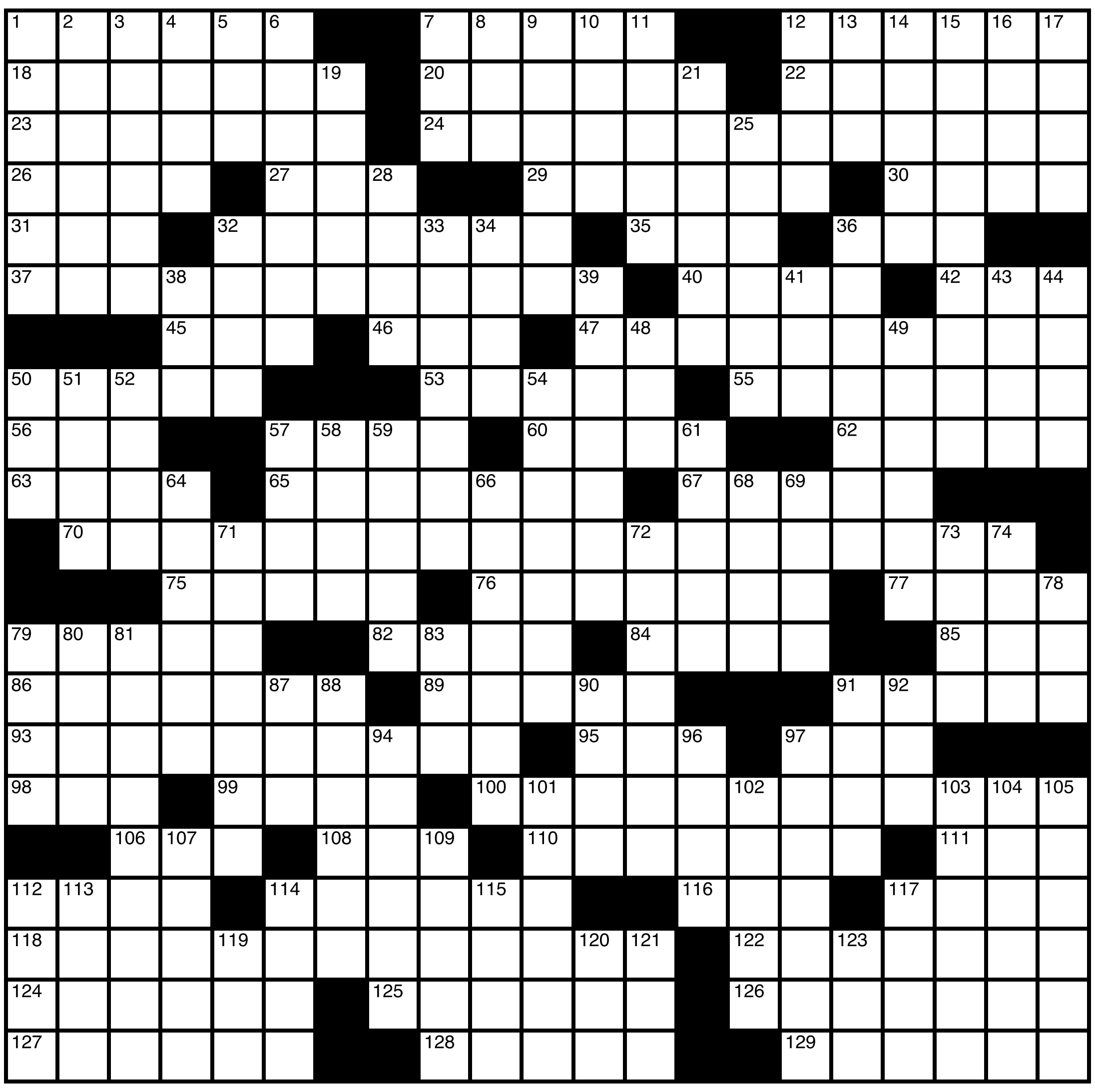

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1 Sticky sandwiches
7 Hayek Pinault of "Magic Mike's Last Dance"
12 Mink cousin
18 Rummylike game
20 Begs
22 Arise
23 Made aware
24 Mayhem that ensues when one tries to order a Big Mac at an Arby's?
26 Staple used in some sensory play activities
27 Workday alternative
29 Cuts it close?
30 Otolaryngologists, for short
31 Lawyer's org.
32 "Just relax!"
35 Significant period
36 Some online convos
37 Troubles in central France?
40 __ mess: traditional English dessert
42 __ de deux
45 Jack or jenny
46 Drink gingerly
47 Moment of brain freeze for a programmer?
50 Squeeze
53 Gently object
55 Port near Naples
56 Furry or feathered friend
57 Garden structure
60 LaLiga chants
62 Animal that often sleeps holding hands with its mate
63 Four seasons
65 Recovers
67 Saintly glows
70 What a wizard panda might cast on its hungry enemies?
75 Hard to sleep through, say
76 Go against
77 Some Outback sprinters
79 __ of undying: Minecraft item
82 Trifling amount
84 Stack in a gym
85 Kinda sorta
86 Beef rib, to be brief
89 Quickly
91 Peppermint __
93 How a baby born in mid-September might behave?
95 "__ Mubarak": holiday greeting
97 Summer Games org.
98 Cell service initials
99 Place to get blintzes
100 Entry on a canner's to-do list?
106 Old-school weed whacker
108 NYSE launch
110 Advice when juggling knives
111 __ Paulo
112 Over again
114 Intensify
116 Soul maker
117 Rabbitlike mammal with short hind legs
118 Anticipation on a horse farm?
122 Target of some shaving
124 Concurs
125 Like many valuable baseballs
126 Heavy hammers
127 Lightning container, idiomatically
128 Jai alai basket
129 "Oof, everything hurts"

Down

1 Egyptian seal?
2 Surfrider Beach city
3 Like some garages
4 Like a blue lobster or a blue moon
5 Cutesy suffix with "most"
6 Foster's partner
7 Coppertone stat
8 In the manner of
9 Mortgage-free resident, often
10 Ruler's class
11 Spot cost
12 Prescribed stuff, for short
13 "Mayfair Witches" cable network
14 Bring up again?
15 Convey
16 Viola Davis accomplishment, briefly
17 Moray Firth river
19 Extra
21 Flew without flapping
25 Speechifies
28 Doesn't dine and dash
32 "Running Up That Hill" singer Kate
33 __ one's thumbs
34 Rhode Island's motto
36 Flowering
38 EV's lack
39 Chisels
41 Singer Rita who is a judge on the U.K. edition of "The Masked Singer"
43 Clearasil target
44 Heath bar alternative
48 Valuable deposit
49 Doesn't disturb
50 Catch
51 Converge
52 State on the Colorado Plateau
54 Tunisian film director Tlatli
57 Feng __
58 Towel set word
59 Gut course
61 Biblical queen's land
64 Go back (on)
66 Fountain beverage
68 Lie for, say
69 Big name in snacks
71 Cohort
72 Hockey advantage
73 Skip past
74 Bump from office
78 Not likely to mingle
79 __ tale
80 "I've got that covered"
81 "Don't despair!"
83 Brand location
87 Park in NYC
88 Social atmosphere
90 Corp. heads
91 Innocent, e.g.
92 Air Force hotshot
94 Gets ready to eat?
96 Trex construction
97 Tel Aviv resident, e.g.
101 Flawed sentences
102 Heads to sea
103 Italian cheese
104 Less powdery
105 Raspy
107 Little hooter
109 Eye-related
112 Abbr. for some nonbinary people
113 Canceled, at NASA
114 Prescribed amount
115 Lip
117 Scholars' degs.
119 Animation studio souvenir
120 Drenched
121 Promise not to tell, for short
123 Ruby, for one

Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

RYUGEN
○○☐☐☐☐

VATROC
☐☐○○☐○

DRUTEG
☐☐○☐○☐

DNIREH
○○☐☐○☐

THORET
○☐○○☐☐

SMPAHI
○○○☐☐☐

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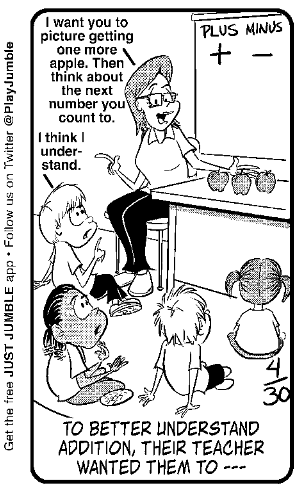
I want you to picture getting one more apple. Then think about the next number you count to.
I think I understand.
PLUS MINUS
+ −
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TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ADDITION, THEIR TEACHER WANTED THEM TO ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

○○○○ ○○ "○○○" ○○○○○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

6	2							
	7	4					3	9
	9			4		6		
3			7		1			
		7	8		6	2		
			9		4			6
		2		6			9	
1	3					7	8	
							6	4

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Ablaze: 2 wds.	88 70 62 41 56 140 53 145
B. Slyly cunning	146 155 150 125 59 137
C. Daily struggle?: 2 wds.	63 133 115 38 95 121 67
D. Mistaken: 3 wds.	49 130 51 7 48 97 149 151 96 5
E. Big gun	6 37 87 72 25 57
F. Booze	75 2 114 134 122
G. After careful consideration	17 24 153 71 50 78 123 83 1
H. Washer cycle	128 76 43 104 118
I. Sinner's fate	138 14 107 31 163 81 8 112 26
J. Sordid; low	147 154 85 119 23
K. Reared: 2 wds.	156 93 27 102 90 135 21 120 164
L. Largeness	46 94 162 66 30 99 3 39 106
M. Spending spree	79 61 22 45 11 110 132
N. Right away: 3 wds.	98 109 157 58 124 152 159 54
O. Coagulate	74 82 13 91 19 68 158
P. Forceful	129 29 16 33 42 103 144 55
Q. Finally settle: 2 wds.	20 40 108 160 143 64 35 113
R. Food store	47 18 101 117 80 69 161
S. Protract	9 165 142 73 111 100 84 77
T. Flawed in some way	116 65 15 12 86 126 105 131 28
U. Tulsa native	139 148 34 4 127 166
V. Having lofty ideals: hyph.	52 136 44 36 60 141 89 32 92 10

1 G	2 F	3 L	4 U	5 D	■	6 E	7 D	8 I	9 S
10 V	11 M	12 T	13 O	■	14 I	15 T	16 P	17 G	18 R
19 O	20 Q	21 K	22 M	23 J	■	24 G	25 E	■	26 I
27 K	28 T	■	29 P	30 L	31 I	32 V	■	33 P	34 U
35 Q	■	36 V	37 E	38 C	39 L	■	40 Q	■	41 A
42 P	43 H	44 V	45 M	46 L	47 R	48 D	■	49 D	50 G
■	51 D	52 V	53 A	54 N	■	55 P	56 A	57 E	■
58 N	59 B	60 V	61 M	■	62 A	63 C	64 Q	65 T	■
66 L	67 C	68 O	69 R	70 A	71 G	72 E	73 S	■	74 O
75 F	76 H	77 S	78 G	79 M	80 R	■	81 I	82 O	■
83 G	84 S	85 J	86 T	87 E	88 A	89 V	90 K	■	91 O
92 V	93 K	94 L	95 C	96 D	■	97 D	98 N	99 L	100 S
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134 F	135 K	136 V	137 B	138 I	139 U	■	140 A	141 V	142 S
143 Q	■	144 P	145 A	■	146 B	■	147 J	148 U	149 D
150 B	■	151 D	152 N	■	153 G	154 J	155 B	156 K	157 N
158 O	■	159 N	160 Q	161 R	162 L	163 I	164 K	165 S	166 U

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Artistic

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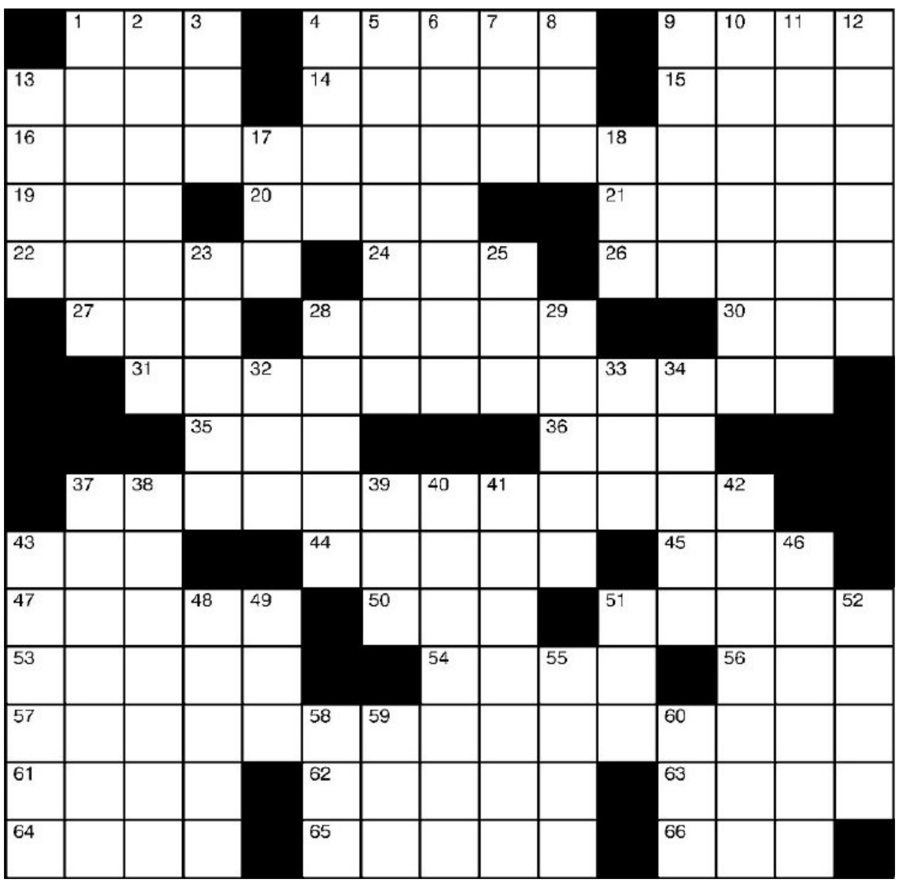
Across

1 Actor Erwin
4 Daughter of David
9 Legal rights org.
13 Sutures
14 Positive terminal
15 "Batty" bird
16 *Last Supper* master
19 Come-ons
20 Poetic time of day
21 Beer offering
22 Do okay
24 Coconut product
26 *The Wreck of the Mary* ___
27 Dolores ___ Rio
28 Hue's region
30 Neighbor of Ill. and Ky.
31 *Vision of St. Jerome* artist
35 Apprehend
36 No, no girl
37 *Pieta* creator
43 Shoot game
44 Iterate
45 Work unit
47 Then, in Nantes
50 Sometimes he's Tiny
51 Step in a fence
53 Street show
54 One of a sailing trio
56 Large river fish
57 *Agony in the Garden* artist
61 Italian noble family
62 Greek architectural source
63 Unrepeated
64 Trial
65 Pay for
66 Purpose

Down

1 Ranked on the court
2 Ballroom dance
3 Annapolis initials
4 Tuberous rootstock
5 Peloponnesian town
6 Aimless reverie
7 Annex
8 Cartoonist Gardner
9 Skirt style
10 Hold
11 Swiss resort
12 One-legged
13 Steel waste
17 Alcott girl
18 Baltic Finn
23 Tunisian cape
25 Medieval tale
28 Yellowish color
29 Squalid
32 Sound at Shea
33 Scottish refusal
34 Cove
37 Uneasiness
38 Philippine natives
39 Tennis call
40 Extremely silly
41 South West Africa
42 Beginnings
43 Goal
46 Oeillade
48 Face an embankment
49 Debussy subject
51 Gal of song
52 Iroquoian
55 Undiluted
58 Wit or pick
59 Than: dial.
60 Bud's buddy



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"In the End"

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"Choice"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

L(ouis) MENAND: WORDS OF THE YEAR: . . .words are tools and what matters is the job they are being made to do… language is a resource that we share and the resource is impoverished when words are redefined, weaponized and bent out of shape.

Last week's Sudoku

1	7	4	5	9	2	8	3	6
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6	5	9	3	8	7	1	2	4
2	1	6	8	5	4	3	7	9
3	4	8	7	1	9	2	6	5
7	9	5	6	2	3	4	8	1
4	8	7	9	3	5	6	1	2
9	2	3	4	6	1	7	5	8
5	6	1	2	7	8	9	4	3

This week's Jumble

GURNEY TRUDGE HOTTER
CAVORT HINDER MISHAP

To better understand addition, their teacher wanted them to —

GIVE IT "SUM" THOUGHT

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Interactive puzzles and games

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 30): Plan and realize dreams this year. Teamwork can accomplish miracles. Chart your vision into reality this spring. Solve a summer puzzle with your partner, before autumn energizes your work, fitness and health. Pamper yourself with a winter makeover. Envision inspiring possibilities that spur action.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Maintain healthy practices. Discuss physical performance with coaches and doctors. They can see your blind spots. Practice, improve and increase efficiency. You're growing stronger.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Try an excellent suggestion. Have fun together. Get creative. Romance sparks in conversation. Discuss dreams, wishes and possibilities. Hunt for beauty and find it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. You're especially creative with domestic projects. Discuss potential upgrades. Fill your kitchen with delicious flavors and fragrances. Savor home comforts with family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Creative projects inspire you into action. Articulate your vision. Write, film and broadcast. Throw your song into the river. Make valuable connections. Express your views.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Wheel and deal. Talk about ideas with potential. Take advantage of lucrative conditions. Keep your outlook and cash flow positive. Communications get profitable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Talk about what you love. Pursue an exciting possibility. Connect and communicate to broaden your reach. Update your profiles and presentation. Follow a personal dream.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Enjoy private introspection. You're especially sensitive, creative and inventive. Nature and beloved creatures inspire your spirit. Notice dreams, intuition and unspoken communications.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Strategize. Help propel a community effort for powerful benefit. Invite participation. Friends lead to valuable connections, ideas and encouragement. A prize lies within sight.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Put your creativity and passion to work. A dreamy professional situation comes together in your network of conversations. Let others know what you want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Investigate a mystery to get to the source. Connect with an inspiring teacher or mentor. Study, listen, and learn. Get drawn into a fascinating obsession.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Discuss possibilities. Strategize to advance shared goals and build wealth together. Keep communication channels open. Share wild ideas. Lucrative plans develop in conversation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Kindle a common spark. Express what's in your heart. You're on the same wavelength. Connect on a deeper level. Discuss subjects of shared passion.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 5 3 ♥ A K 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ Void ♣ 9 7 6
Partner opens 3D and right-hand opponent bids 3NT. What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K J 6 3 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ 9

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J 10 ♥ A K Q 7 5 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ 9 7
As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 7 ♥ 7 ♦ J 9 7 6 4 ♣ A K 10 5

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

ANGELS (ANE-gelz): Benevolent celestial beings.

Can you find 17 or more words in ANGELS?

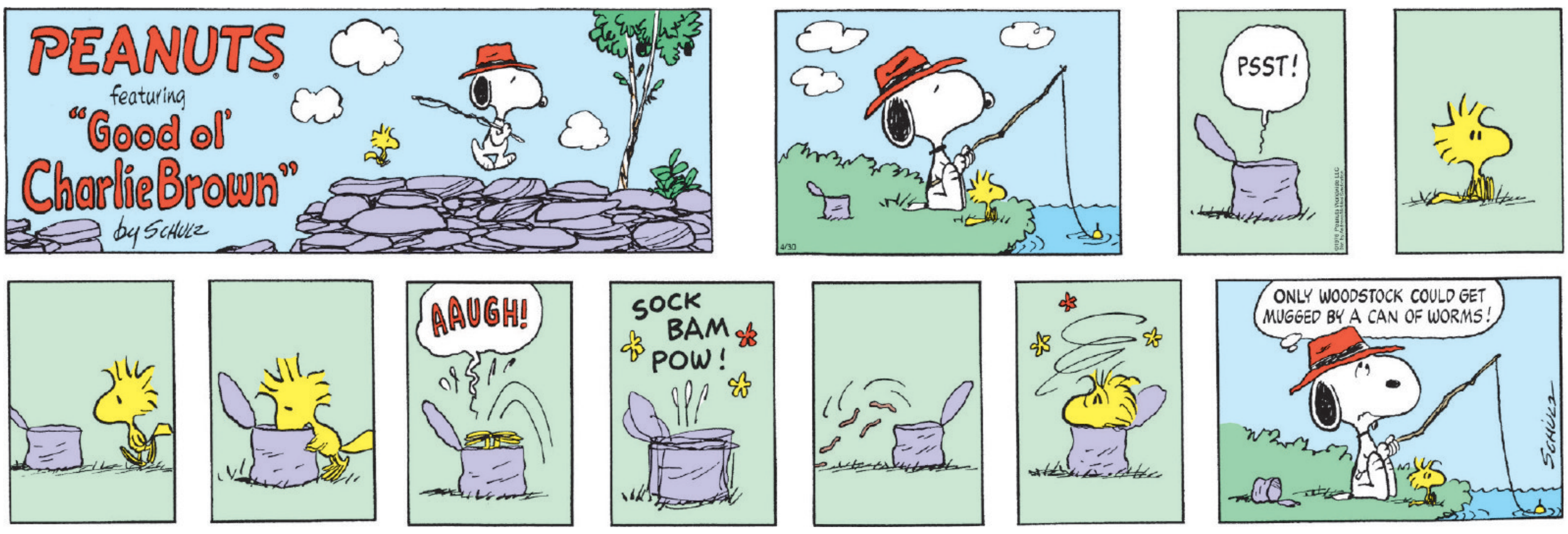
Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 25 minutes

Here are the rules:
1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

angle; gale; glean; glen; elan; lane; lase; lean; lens; sage; sale; sane; sang; seal; slag; slang; snag

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS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featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
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AAUGH!
SOCK
BAM
POW!
ONLY WOODSTOCK COULD GET MUGGED BY A CAN OF WORMS!
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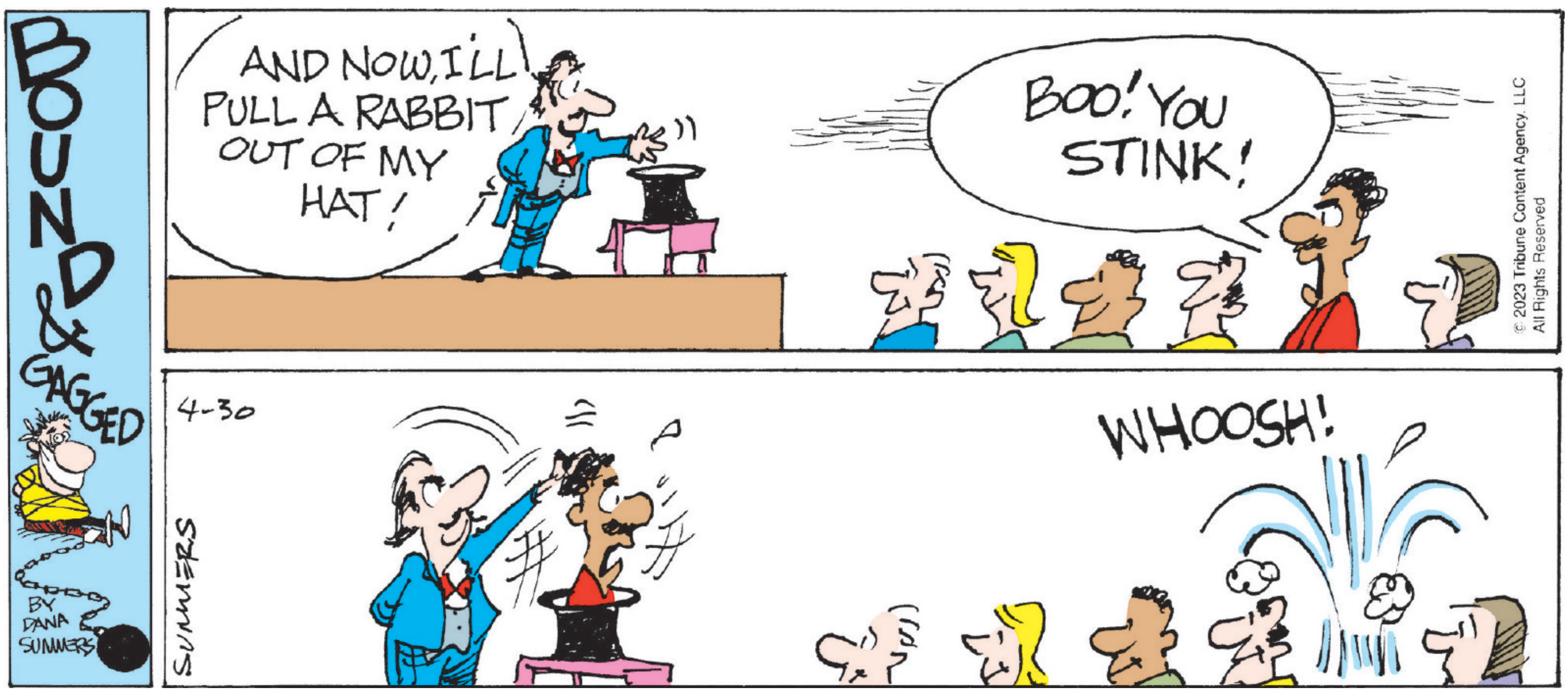
BOUND & GAGGED
BY DANA SUMMERS
AND NOW, I'LL PULL A RABBIT OUT OF MY HAT!
BOO! YOU STINK!
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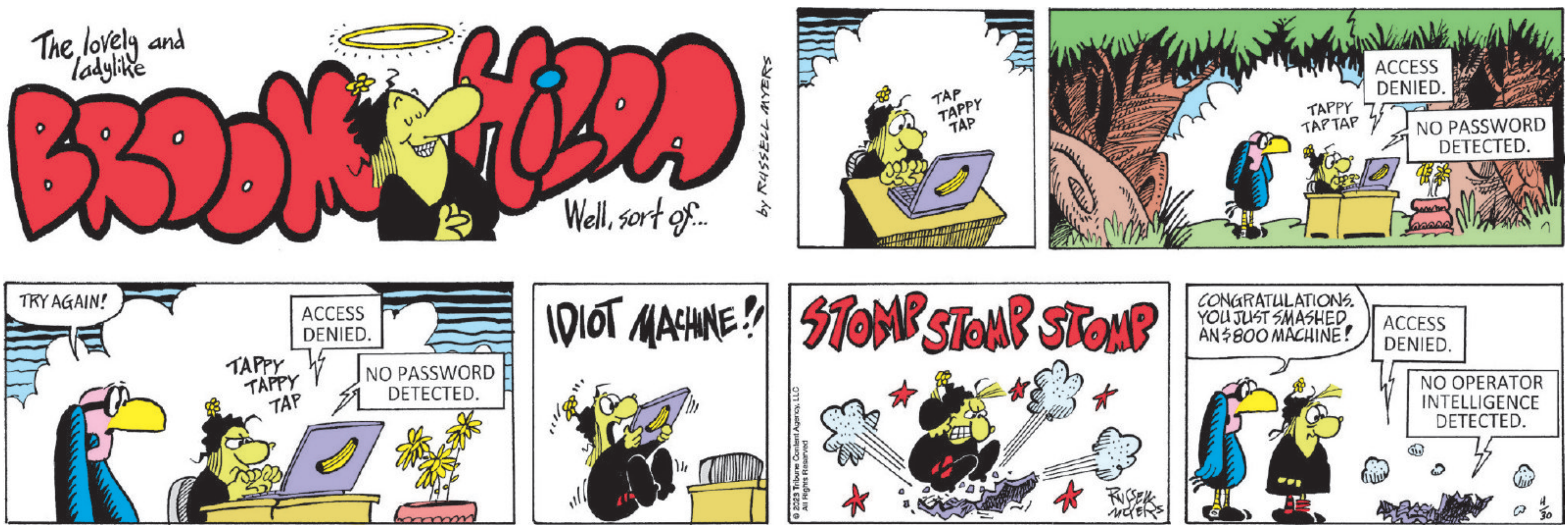
SUMMERS
WHOOSH!


The lovely and ladylike
BROOM-HILDA
Well, sort of...
by RUSSELL MYERS
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ACCESS DENIED.
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TRY AGAIN!
TAPPY TAPPY TAP
ACCESS DENIED.
NO PASSWORD DETECTED.
IDIOT MACHINE!!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
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RUSSELL MYERS
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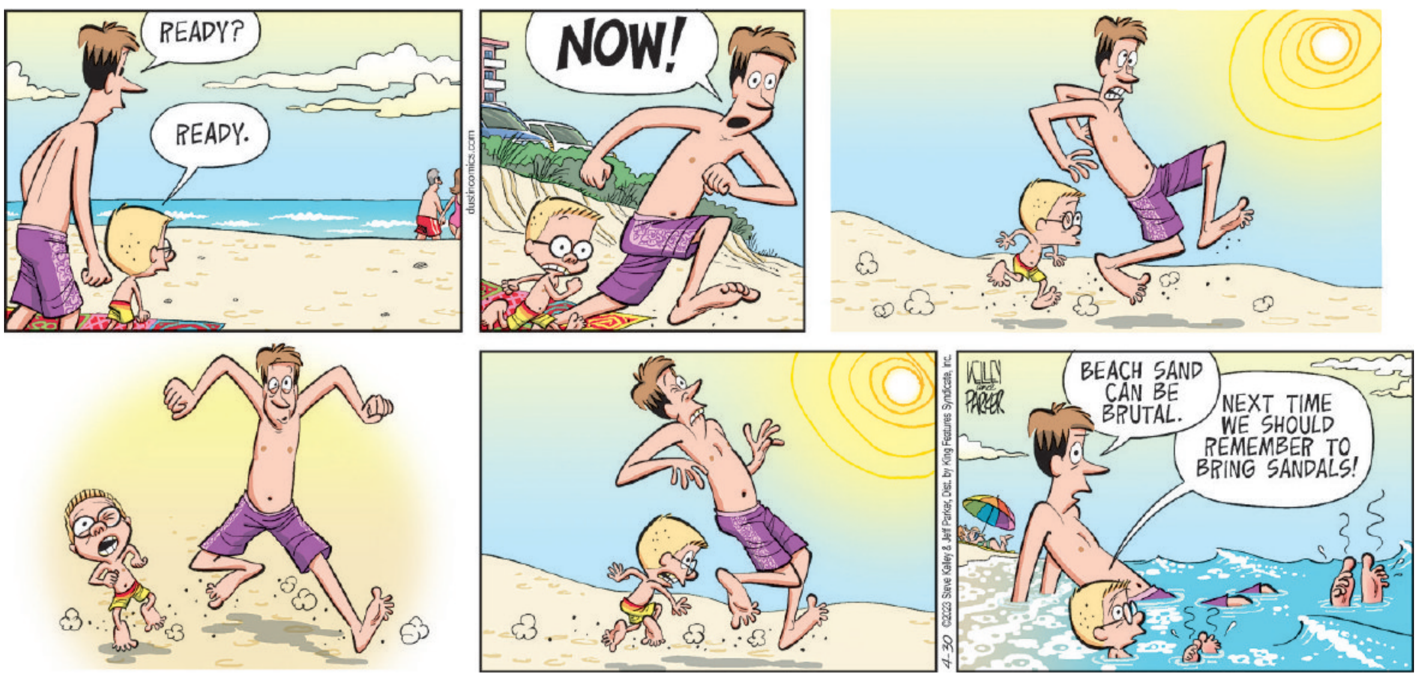
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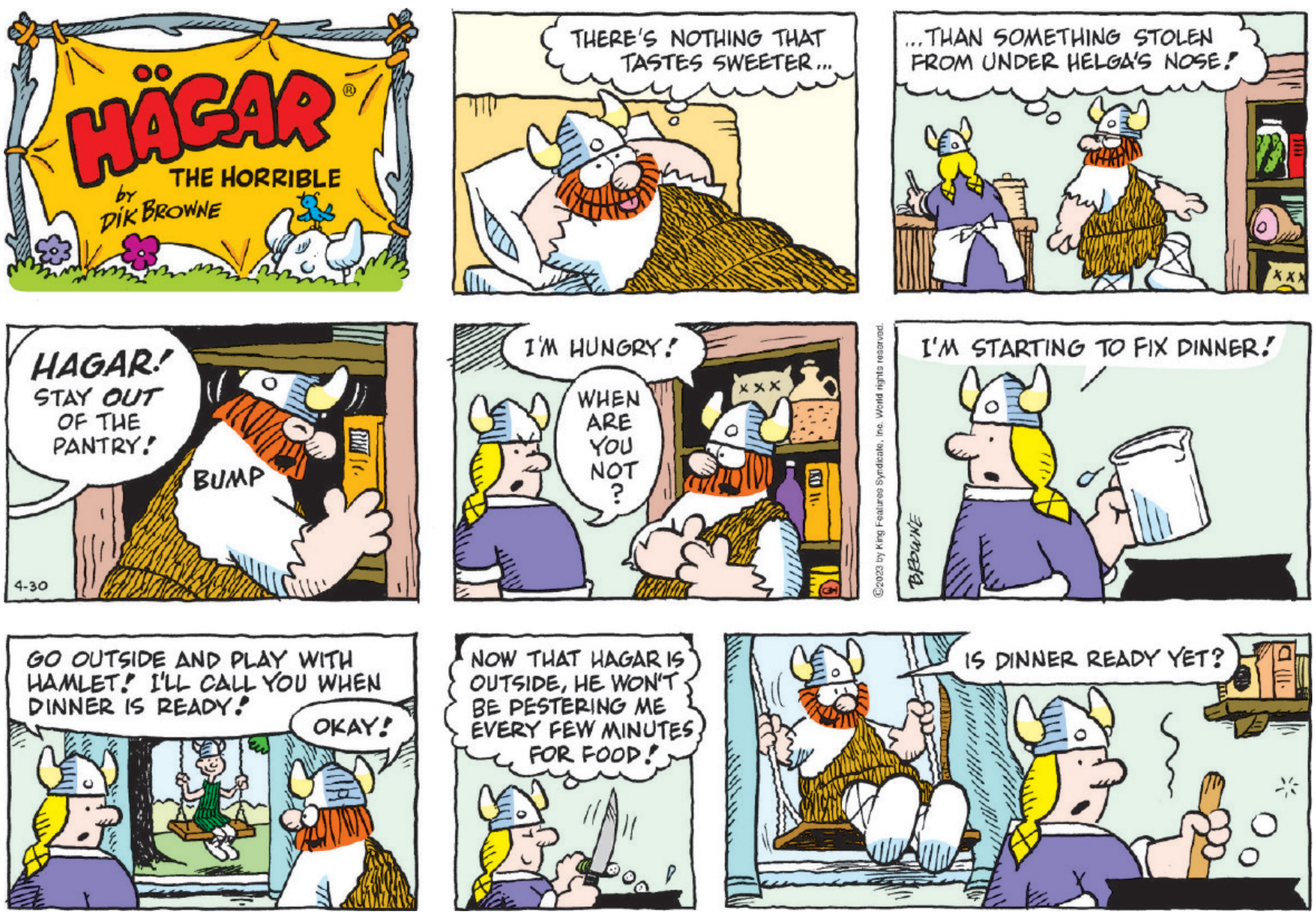
NEXT TIME WE SHOULD REMEMBER TO BRING SANDALS!


HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE
by DIK BROWNE
THERE'S NOTHING THAT TASTES SWEETER...
...THAN SOMETHING STOLEN FROM UNDER HELGA'S NOSE!
HAGAR! STAY OUT OF THE PANTRY!
BUMP
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I'M HUNGRY!
WHEN ARE YOU NOT?
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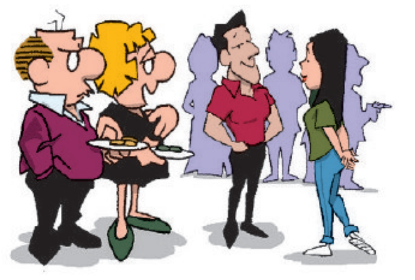
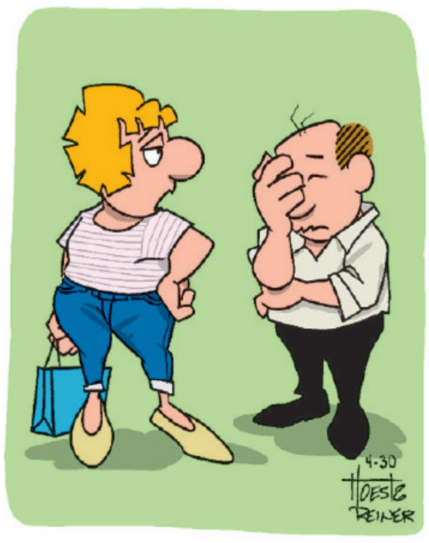
BROWNE
I'M STARTING TO FIX DINNER!
GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY WITH HAMLET! I'LL CALL YOU WHEN DINNER IS READY!
OKAY!
NOW THAT HAGAR IS OUTSIDE, HE WON'T BE PESTERING ME EVERY FEW MINUTES FOR FOOD!
IS DINNER READY YET?

The Lockhorns
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU TWO ARE EXACTLY THE SAME HEIGHT AND WEIGHT."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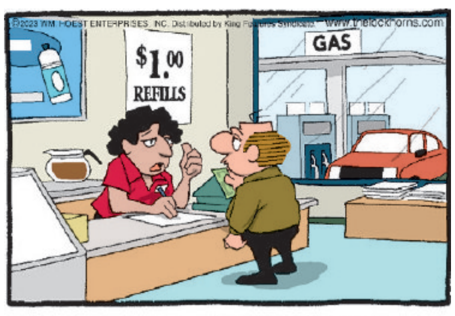
"I JUST HAD TO BUY THESE JEANS, LEROY... I TRIED THEM ON IN THE STORE AND COULDN'T GET THEM OFF."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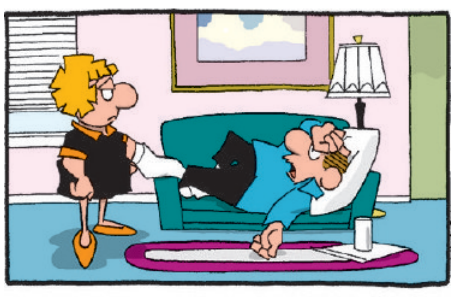
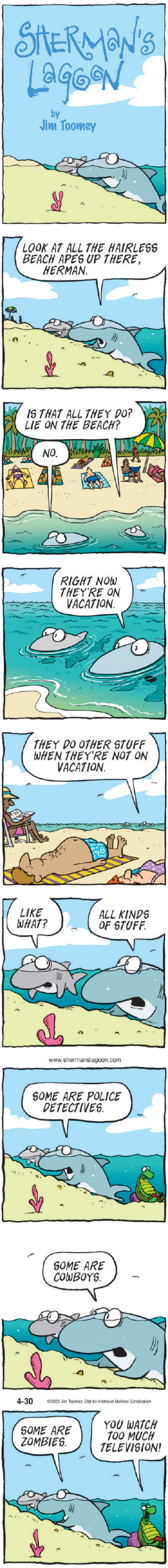
"THAT'S FOR COFFEE, NOT GAS."



"WAKE ME WHEN EVERYONE STARTS GETTING ALONG."


SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by Jim Toomey
LOOK AT ALL THE HAIRLESS BEACH APES UP THERE, HERMAN.
IS THAT ALL THEY DO? LIE ON THE BEACH?
NO.
RIGHT NOW THEY'RE ON VACATION.
THEY DO OTHER STUFF WHEN THEY'RE NOT ON VACATION.
LIKE WHAT?
ALL KINDS OF STUFF.
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SOME ARE POLICE DETECTIVES.
SOME ARE COWBOYS.
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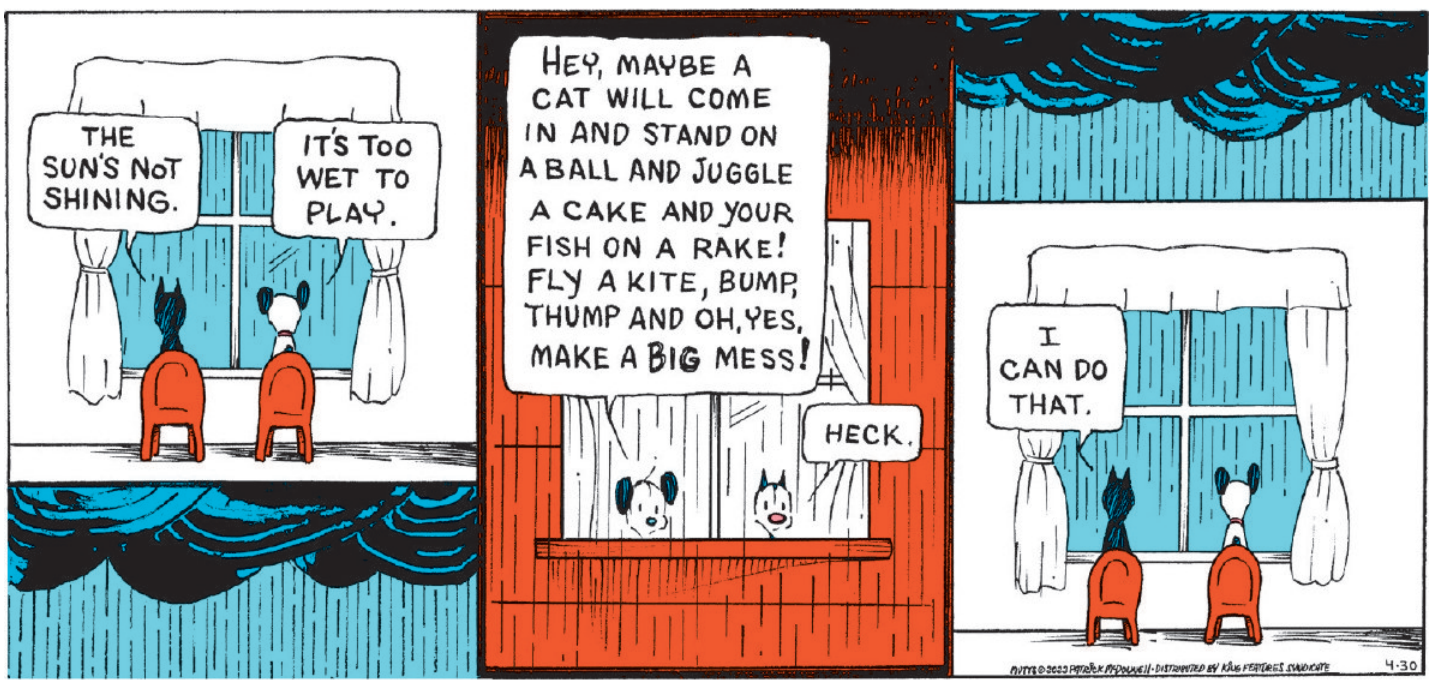
SOME ARE ZOMBIES.
YOU WATCH TOO MUCH TELEVISION!

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


THE SUN'S NOT SHINING.
IT'S TOO WET TO PLAY.
HEY, MAYBE A CAT WILL COME IN AND STAND ON A BALL AND JUGGLE A CAKE AND YOUR FISH ON A RAKE! FLY A KITE, BUMP, THUMP AND OH, YES, MAKE A BIG MESS!
HECK.
I CAN DO THAT.
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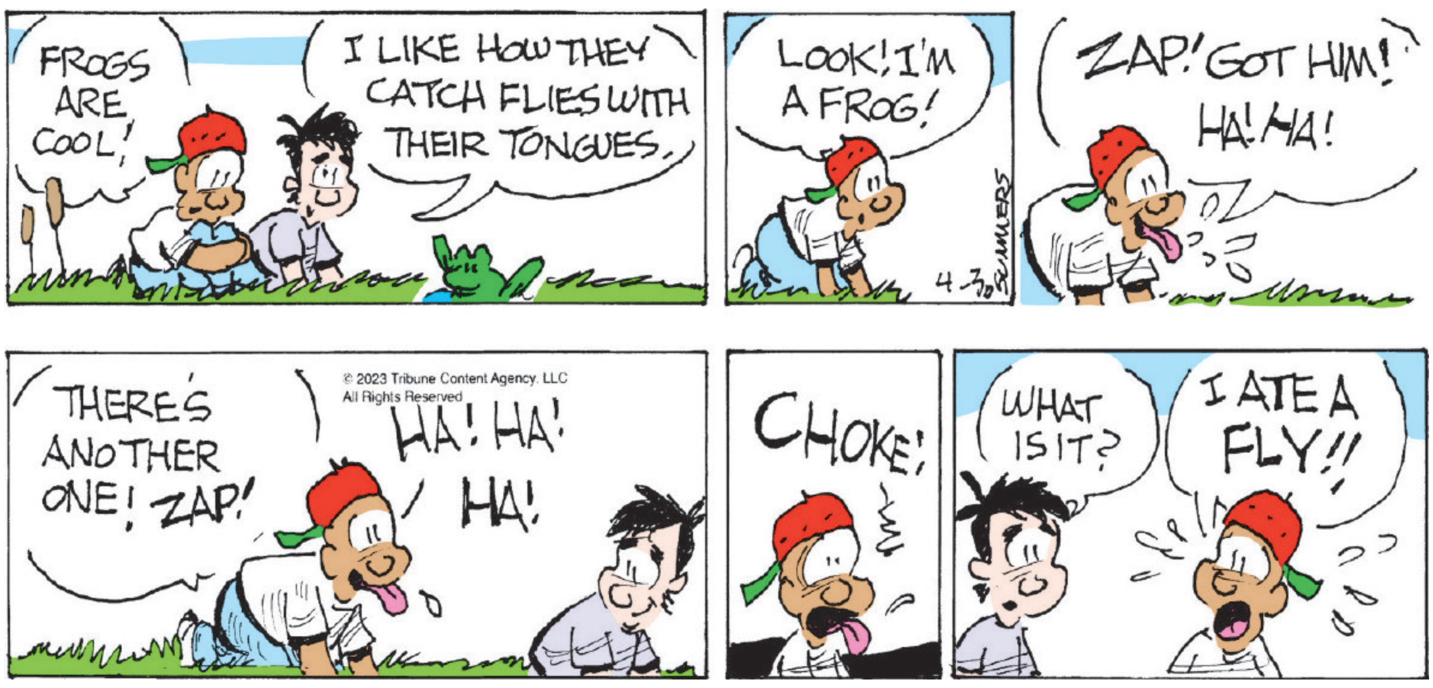
The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers


FROGS ARE COOL!
I LIKE HOW THEY CATCH FLIES WITH THEIR TONGUES.
LOOK! I'M A FROG!
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ZAP! GOT HIM! HA! HA!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE! ZAP!
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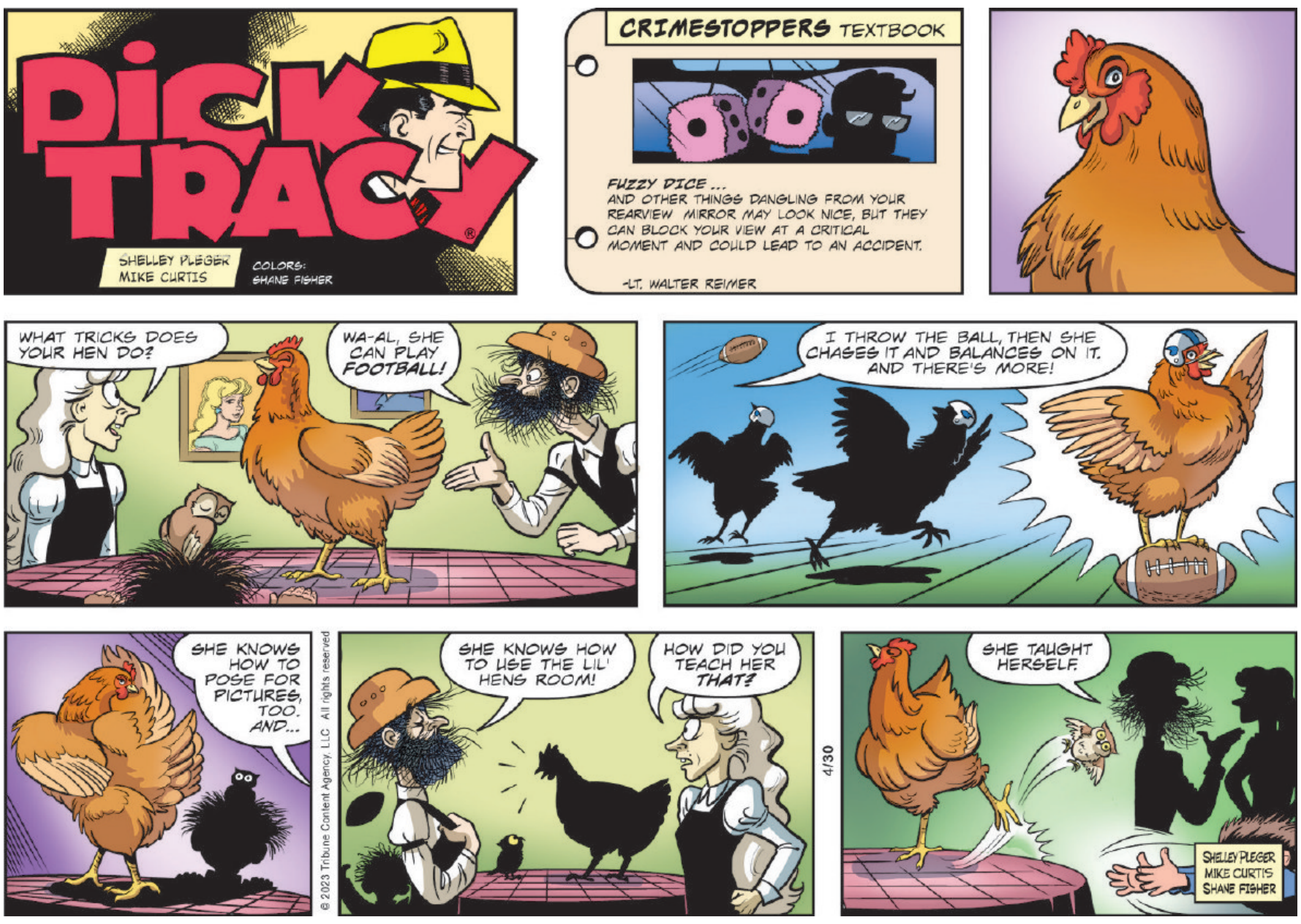
HA! HA! HA!
CHOKE!
WHAT IS IT?
I ATE A FLY!!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SHELLEY PLEGER
MIKE CURTIS
COLORS: SHANE FISHER
CRIMESTOPPERS TEXTBOOK
FUZZY DICE ...
AND OTHER THINGS DANGLING FROM YOUR REARVIEW MIRROR MAY LOOK NICE, BUT THEY CAN BLOCK YOUR VIEW AT A CRITICAL MOMENT AND COULD LEAD TO AN ACCIDENT.
-LT. WALTER REIMER
WHAT TRICKS DOES YOUR HEN DO?
WA-AL, SHE CAN PLAY FOOTBALL!
I THROW THE BALL, THEN SHE CHASES IT AND BALANCES ON IT. AND THERE'S MORE!
SHE KNOWS HOW TO POSE FOR PICTURES, TOO. AND...
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SHE KNOWS HOW TO USE THE LIL' HENS ROOM!
HOW DID YOU TEACH HER THAT?
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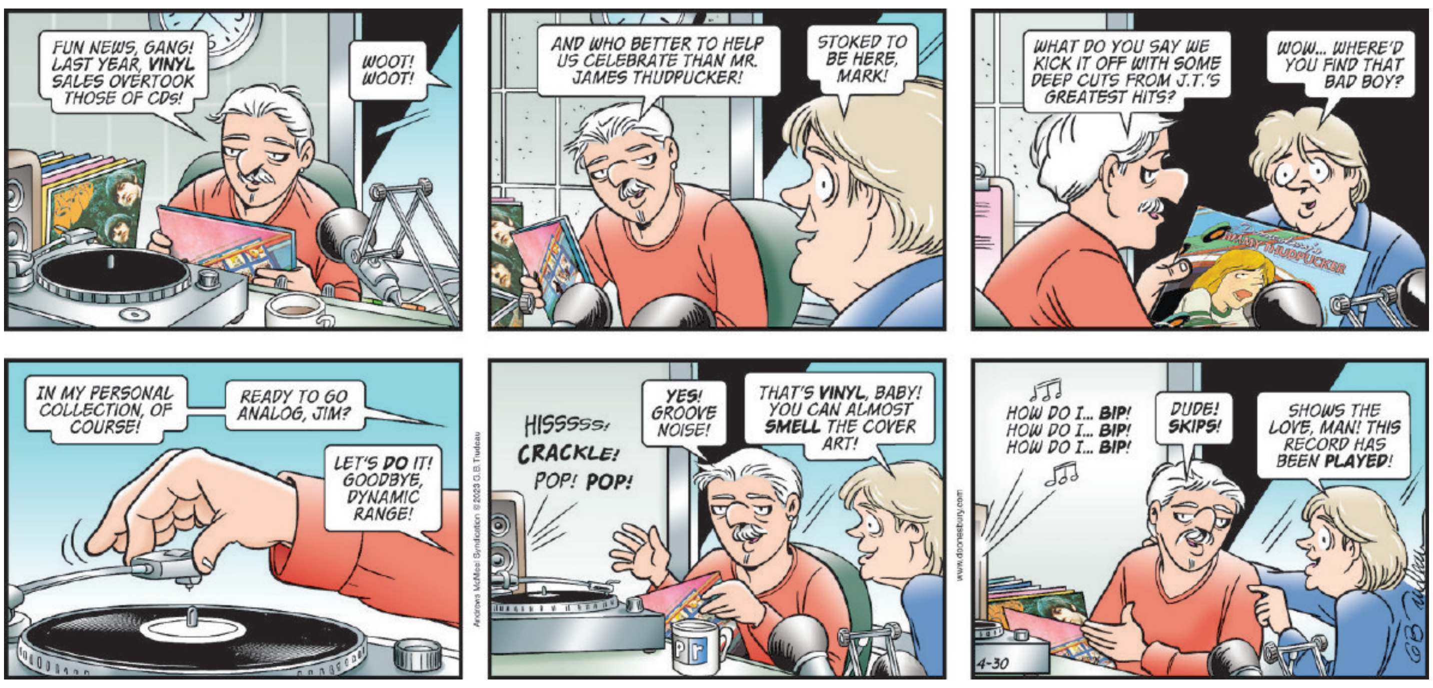
SHE TAUGHT HERSELF.
SHELLEY PLEGER
MIKE CURTIS
SHANE FISHER

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau


FUN NEWS, GANG! LAST YEAR, VINYL SALES OVERTOOK THOSE OF CDS!
WOOT! WOOT!
AND WHO BETTER TO HELP US CELEBRATE THAN MR. JAMES THUDPUCKER!
STOKED TO BE HERE, MARK!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE KICK IT OFF WITH SOME DEEP CUTS FROM J.T.'S GREATEST HITS?
WOW... WHERE'D YOU FIND THAT BAD BOY?
IN MY PERSONAL COLLECTION, OF COURSE!
READY TO GO ANALOG, JIM?
LET'S DO IT! GOODBYE, DYNAMIC RANGE!
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HISSSSS, CRACKLE! POP! POP!
YES! GROOVE NOISE!
THAT'S VINYL, BABY! YOU CAN ALMOST SMELL THE COVER ART!
www.doonesbury.com
HOW DO I... BIP! HOW DO I... BIP! HOW DO I... BIP!
DUDE! SKIPS!
SHOWS THE LOVE, MAN! THIS RECORD HAS BEEN PLAYED!
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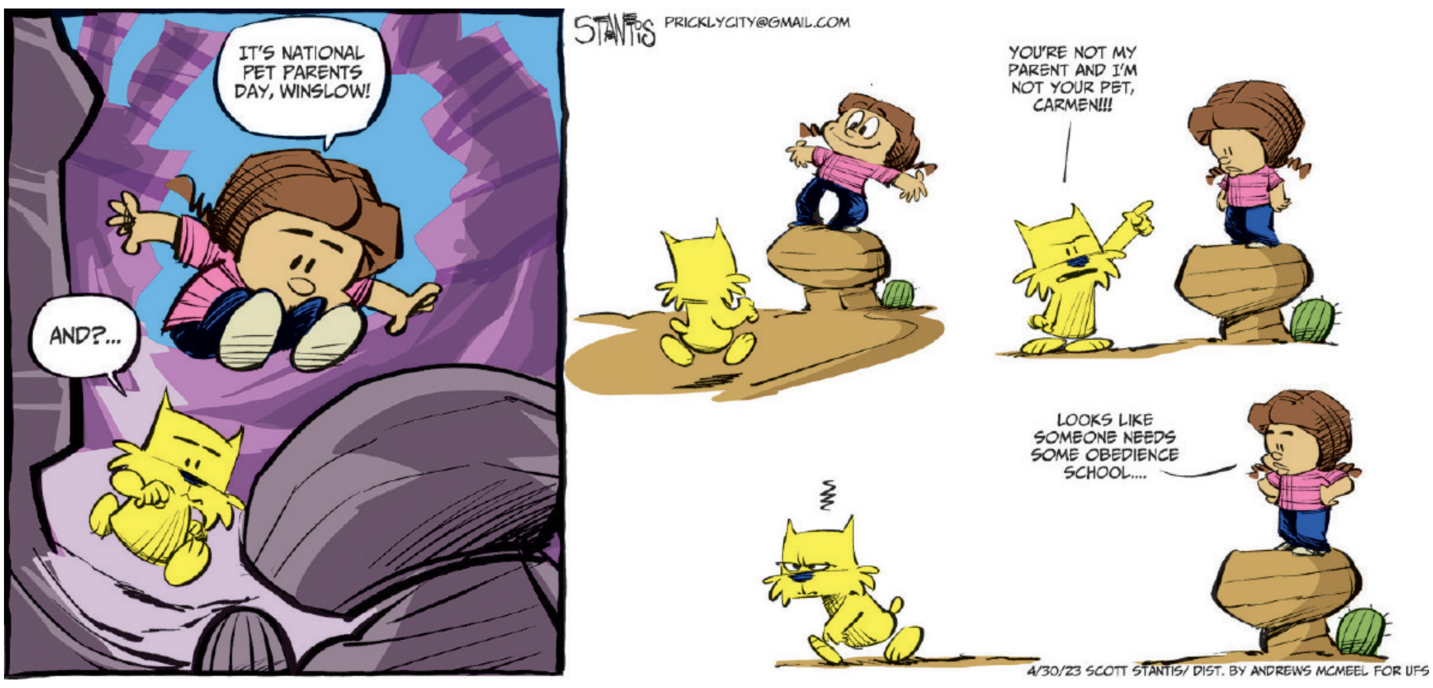
GBTrudeau

Prickly City By Scott Stantis


IT'S NATIONAL PET PARENTS DAY, WINSLOW!
AND?...
STANTIS PRICKLYCITY@GMAIL.COM
YOU'RE NOT MY PARENT AND I'M NOT YOUR PET, CARMEN!!!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE NEEDS SOME OBEDIENCE SCHOOL....
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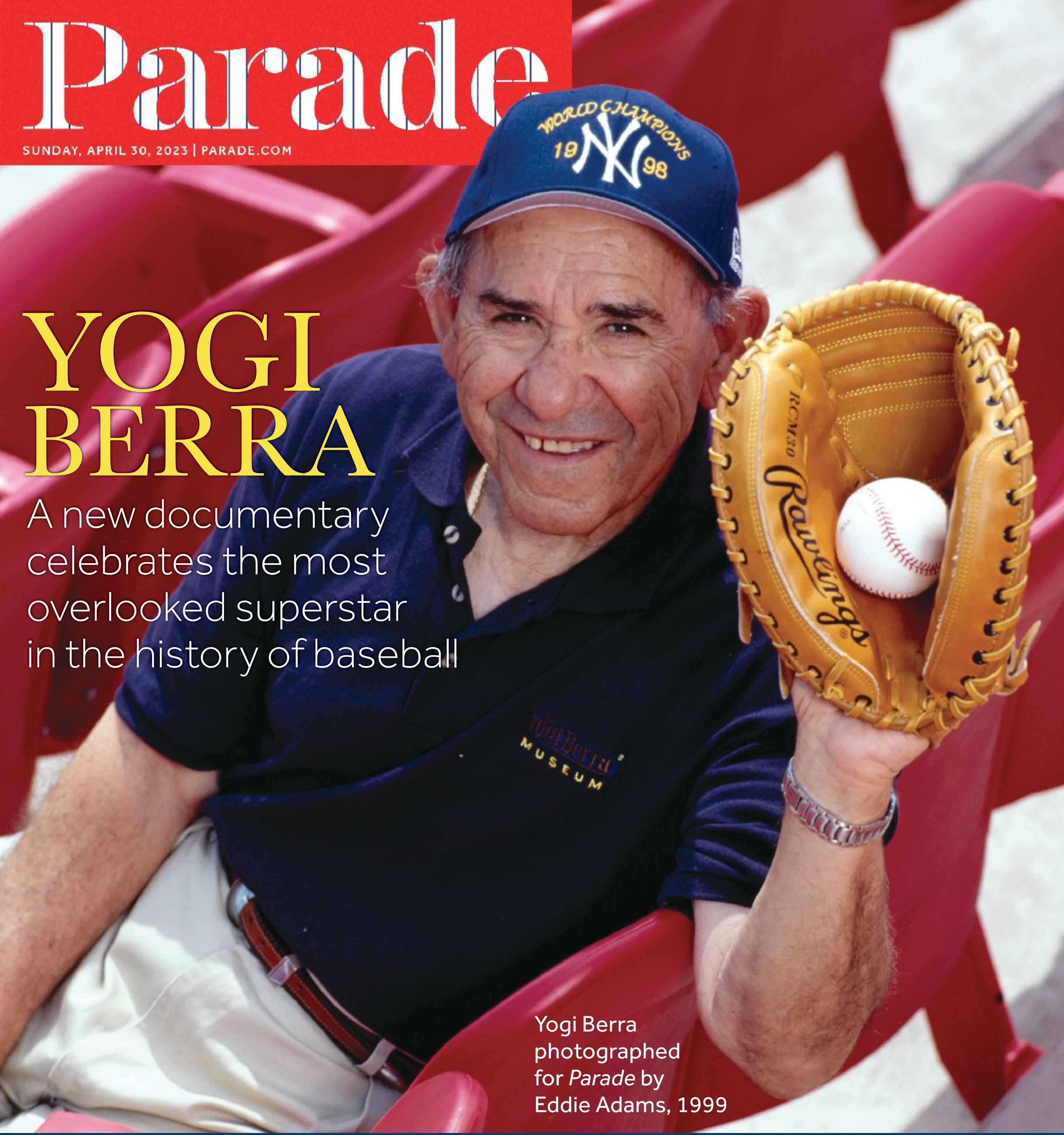
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LIEV SCHREIBER AS OTTO FRANK

The Emmy-nominated *Ray Donovan* actor, 55, stars in the eight-episode retelling of the Anne Frank story with the premiere of ***A Small Light*** **(May 1 on National Geographic, Nat Geo WILD, and Lifetime)**. This version is from the point of view of **Miep Gies** (Bel Powley), the young woman that Anne's father, Otto (Schreiber), asked to help hide his family from the Nazis during WWII. For the next two years, she and her husband Jan (Joe Cole) did just that, hiding the Frank, van Pels and Pfeffer families in the secret annex of an Amsterdam home. Here are some facts you might not know about the actor, whose maternal grandfather emigrated from Ukraine.

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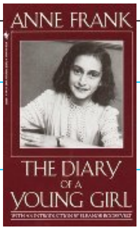

- Schreiber's family nickname is "Huggy." He has said, "It's not easy being 6 feet, 3 inches and being called 'Huggy.'"
- Besides Otto Frank, he has played other real people, including newspaper editor Marty Baron (*Spotlight*, 2015) and Holocaust survivor/resistance fighter Alexander Zeisal "Zus" Bielski (*Defiance*, 2008).
- As a child, Schreiber's mother dragged him from ashram to ashram. He still meditates and tries to practice for 20 minutes every day.
- Before he was famous, Schreiber was a New York City bike messenger.
- He earned an MFA from the Yale School of Drama.
- Schreiber has two sons with former partner Naomi Watts: Sasha, 15, and Kai, 14.

In 2005 Schreiber won a **Tony Award** for the role of Richard Roma in *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

Growing up, Schreiber's mother only let him watch black-and-white movies. The first movie he saw in color was ***Star Wars: Episode IV—A New Hope***, in 1977.

He is a co-founder of **BlueCheck Ukraine**, which is making sure donations to the country wind up where they're meant to be. In 2022, he helped cook food for refugees in Poland and Ukraine as part of Jose Andrés' World Central Kitchen.

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

LIZZY CAPLAN

The *Masters of Sex* and *Fleishman Is in Trouble* star, 40, adds another series to her resumé when the retelling of ***Fatal Attraction*** **(April 30 on Paramount+)** hits TV screens. Caplan will take over the reimagined role of Alex Forrest—for which Glenn Close received an Oscar nomination in 1988—opposite **Joshua Jackson** as Dan Gallagher. In the 2023 version, Dan is paroled from jail and in seeking to prove his innocence he revisits his time with Alex and how their brief affair threatened to destroy his life.

Is this Alex a tragic, lonely woman rather than a crazy bunny-boiler? I think if there was more time to tell Alex's story in the film, they would have hit on a lot of similar themes. From what I've read about Glenn Close doing her own research, she was leaning very heavily into Alex Forrest's mental illness and childhood trauma in her backstory work. And so, we have the luxury of more time and an audience that is primed to expect more from a story than "evil woman does evil things."

Have times changed since the 1987 film? I love the film *Fatal Attraction*. But as audiences, we've completely changed. I don't know if that particular version of that movie could be made now because audiences are primed to ask more questions about Alex's state of mind. They are also wondering, *He cheated on his wife, and he doesn't suffer any repercussions in the family unit at all? He doesn't feel the need to apologize?* Either of those things wouldn't really compute with audiences today. So, I think that it's worth taking a second look at for many reasons.

I also think people are more interested in the "why" of characters in these longer-form series: finding out why people do the things they do, what makes them tick. We get to touch on all of that while, hopefully, still making it a fun, scary ride.

Did you talk to any mental health experts before playing the role? I did. I spoke to a forensic psychologist. He's wonderful and so smart and he walked me through. We thought Alex probably had a grab bag of mental afflictions. But I talked to him the most about borderline personality disorder. It's a really fascinating, not completely uncommon thing. It's more uncommon for the person to also be violent and psychotic, but there are plenty of people with borderline personality disorder and it's a completely different way of seeing things. It can distort a lot of your thinking. Even though this is not a deep-dive study of a particular mental illness—it's not really what we're setting out to do—we wanted to be extremely respectful of people who were dealing with some of these issues. That was important. Why reopen this story if we weren't going to be careful with how we told Alex's side of it?

Did being a fan of the movie give you pause? Of course, but I'm drawn to the scarier things. Why do this for a living if you're not going to do the things that stretch you and freak you out? And also, it's always a bit daunting to revisit something that's so beloved, but there's something about this particular era and genre of film that I just think there's room for a re-examination through a modern lens.

There are some very steamy scenes. Did you have an intimacy coordinator on the set? We did; that's just baked into the cake these days. She was wonderful. I think it's great, because really what they're there for is to make

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ROLE CALL

Before *Fatal Attraction*, Caplan shone in *Masters of Sex* (2013-2016) *Fleishman Is in Trouble* (2022), *Party Down* (2009-2010) and *Freaks & Geeks* (1999-2000).

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everybody feel more comfortable. I especially think it's extremely important for the actors who are just starting out and haven't really found their own voice on set and haven't stepped into any version of their own power yet because they're just so green. Josh and I were both extremely aware that those scenes had to work, or the show doesn't work. It was the two of us and our director Silver Tree doing those three episodes at once, and it just felt like a great little bubble. There was nothing strange or uncomfortable that happened. If anything, those were the easy scenes. There's some pretty full-on fighting scenes later on, and those were far more difficult to shoot.

There's also an intimate moment that explains why Alex would actually have thought Dan cared about her. Yes, we were very deliberate about that moment. We wanted it to feel not just like this affair but like this real connection between these two people, where it could feel to her very confusing and feel like he felt what she felt, which was the beginnings of something very real.

What was it like to go from your previous project, *Fleishman Is in Trouble* on Hulu, to this one? I had just had a baby [a son named Alfie, born in 2021] when I started shooting *Fleishman*, he was about three and a half months old. And we were in New York shooting until he was 10 months old. Then I basically raced back to L.A. to start shooting *Fatal Attraction* with a little brief COVID break in there.

It's not ideal to have to do something back-to-back. [But I] really love both of these projects and how different they were. Actors don't like feeling like we're typecast or only seen in one way. So, in many ways it was a dream, but there was also definitely some psychological whiplash involved just because the two things were so completely different.

What can you tell us about working on *Freaks and Geeks*, which was a launching pad for your career? I was 15 when I did my one line as Girl No.1 in the pilot episode, and then I think 16 probably when I did the remaining episodes. Yeah, the whole experience was completely mind-boggling and overwhelming. I had never been on a set before. I had no idea how anything worked. I had never seen a call sheet. I had never seen a mark. I didn't know anything. So, it was definitely a very steep learning curve during which I was mostly just wide-eyed and trying to keep my sh** together the whole time.

I think everybody knew there was something cool about this show. It was brilliant from the jump. I'm not grouping myself into that brilliance; I just dipped in and out. But the casting, the writing, the creators, the directors—every single person went on to do incredible things. And that show itself was incredible. Now if they made that show, it would be a massive success. It was just the wrong time for something. It was very much the epitome of "ahead of its time."

You once said that *Party Down* was one of the most fun things you've filmed. How did you feel about it coming back after a more than 10-year hiatus? I love it so much. It is so heartbreaking to not be in the reboot because I was in New York doing *Fleishman*. Truly, I'll cry if I think about it too much. My fingers are very crossed that it's as wonderful and hilarious as I know it will be so that we get to do it again.

Do you have words to live by or some practice that gets you up in the morning? The answer would have been very different a year and a half ago. But now what gets me up in the morning is my child [with actor Tom Riley] screaming on the baby monitor. There's no time to do a little daily mantra. It's just like, I work for him, he's my boss. P

The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our radar for the week ahead. Go to ***Parade.com/entertainment*** for more.

WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS

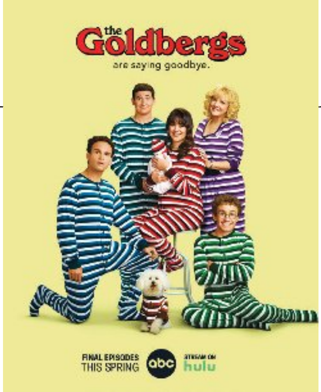
(MAY 1 ON HBO, HBO MAX)

You may think you know everything there is to know about Watergate, but this five-episode limited series looks at the impact the events that toppled the Nixon presidency had on the families of those involved. It begins in 1971 when the White House hires E. Howard Hunt (**Woody Harrelson**, 61) and G. Gordon Liddy (**Justin Theroux**, 51), formerly with the CIA and FBI, to investigate the Pentagon Papers leak, and follows the unbelievable covert ops—including bugging the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate complex.

"Hunt and Liddy were a fascinating historical pair," says director and executive producer David Mandel, 53."It was the ultimate team up between a 'has-been' (Hunt) and a 'never-was' (Liddy) who both desperately wanted to please their President. Woody taps into this wonderful Willy Loman-like desperation that Hunt had to get back in the game. And Justin is G. Gordon Liddy. He struts and is full of himself and dreams of being some kind of super-spy/ James Bond."

THE GOLDBERGS FINALE

(MAY 3 ON ABC)



As the curtain drops on our favorite 1980s household after 10 seasons, **Wendi McLendon-Covey** helps us say goodbye. "It's been an honor to be part of *The Goldbergs* for the last decade. I'm really proud of what we accomplished with the show, and I'm so lucky to have had such a rewarding experience," she said. "I will miss my TV family and every last crew member. Thanks to all our fans (the Goldnerds) for being so sweet and supportive. My heart is full...But I definitely hope I never see another pair of shoulder pads for the rest of my life."

STAR WATCH

ED SHEERAN is the subject of the four-part documentary, *Ed Sheeran: The Sum of it All*, airing May 3 on Disney+.

JARED WEEKS of the band Saving Abel sings about addiction and recovery in the new single " Baptize Me" for Alcohol Awareness Month.

Country music legend and trailblazer **CHARLEY PRIDE** was immortalized as a bronze statue outside Nashville's Ryman Auditorium. He joins Loretta Lynn, Bill Monroe and Little Jimmy Dickens.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE: A BRIDGERTON STORY

(MAY 4 ON NETFLIX)

The world of *Bridgerton* expands with this new six-episode series about young Queen Charlotte's (**India Amarteifio**) rise to prominence and power. Queen Charlotte is not a character found in the *Bridgerton* series of books by Julia Quinn, but she is a real historical person, a minor German princess born in a north-German duchy, who married King George III in 1761. That said, the story of how her marriage to King George (Corey Mylchreest) comes to be in *Queen Charlotte* is from the imagination of creator/showrunner Shonda Rhimes.

"We're going back to the beginning of how the society that we know of in *Bridgerton* started," says Rhimes, 53, of delving into Georgian England versus Regency England. "You're going to see a woman who hasn't come into her own power yet versus the real command that the Queen Charlotte of *Bridgerton* times has. And it's thrilling to watch and understand that growth."

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HBO MAX; ABC; LIAM DANIEL/NETFLIX; ABC VIA GETTY IMAGES; JOHN SHEARER/WIREIMAGE/GETTY IMAGES; DAVE BENETT/GETTY IMAGES

CAN YOU NAME IT?

Even celebrities had to start somewhere. Our "FIRST JOBS" edition of the *Can You Name It?* quiz asks you to match the celeb with some of his or her earliest employment endeavors. **Answers on page 19.**

1. Before you saw her in *Transformers* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, actress **Megan Fox** was a...
A. Giant weiner for a hotdog stand
B. Giant banana for a smoothie shop
C. Giant donut for a donut shop

2. Before she was selling a kazillion copies of "Love Story" and "Anti-Hero," megastar **Taylor Swift...**
A. Made wreaths at a Christmas tree farm
B. Sang carols for tips at a Christmas tree farm
C. De-bugged trees at a Christmas tree farm

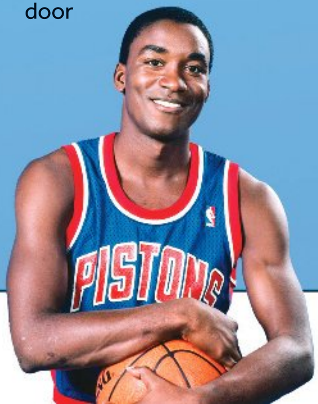
3. Before he was "The Rock" making an estimated $100 million a year, **Dwayne Johnson** ...
A. Washed dishes at a restaurant in Hawaii
B. Made leis in Hawaii
C. Gave surfing lessons in Hawaii

4. Before hitting it big and winning those 29 Grammys, **Beyoncé...**
A. Swept floors at a salon
B. Washed hair at a salon
C. Gave makeup demonstrations at a salon

5. Before becoming an Oscar-winning acting icon, **Nicole Kidman...**
A. Trained to be a dental hygienist
B. Trained to be an aerobics teacher
C. Trained to be a massage therapist

6. Before *The Color Purple*, *Ghost*, *The View* and becoming the first Black woman to win an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony), **Whoopie Goldberg** earned money as a...
A. Bricklayer
B. Morgue beautician
C. Bank teller

7. Before he was a basketball legend, **Isaiah Thomas...**
A. Sold cars
B. Shined shoes
C. Sold magazines from door to door



8. Before his golden boy status and Oscar for *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, **Brad Pitt** earned spending money by...
A. Providing transportation for strippers
B. Dressing up as a chicken
C. Being a delivery boy

9. Before KISS, the band's front man **Gene Simmons** earned a few bucks as a...
A. DJ
B. Paperboy
C. Bass guitar teacher

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PARADE **Vault**

THE ROYAL BUZZ

Thanks to the upcoming coronation of King Charles III (May 6th at Westminster Abbey), interest in the royalty is at an all-time high. A lucky 2,000 guests received an invitation to the ceremony, which will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Prince George will have a role as one of King Charles' page boys. Over the years, *Parade* has written several stories about the royal family, including a cover story celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953. Here are a few of our royal *Parade* cover stories from the Vault. —*Anne Krueger*

May 31, 1953
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Long Island Sunday Press
IT'S CORONATION WEEK!
FORGOTTEN MAN OF THE BIG SHOW?
A 'ROYAL MEAL' FOR TUESDAY
HOW YOU CAN DRESS LIKE A QUEEN!
ROYAL GUARD

MAY 31, 1953

"It's Coronation Week!" declared *Parade* magazine, all agog over the crowning of the new queen. One headline in the magazine asked, "Where will they put the Duke?" There was much consternation about what role the "dashing" Duke of Edinburgh would take in proceedings where there was little precedent for a mere husband. To compensate for his lame-duck status, Queen Elizabeth had made him chairman of the Coronation Commission and, in what *Parade* called "brisk, behind-the-scenes arguments," decided that the Duke should ride in the State Coach with her instead of riding horseback behind her. At the appropriate time in the proceedings, the Duke (wearing peer's robes over his naval uniform) would pledge his allegiance to the queen, touch her crown, kiss her left cheek and edge his way backwards down the stairs (never moving his gaze from the Queen) to his chair. Prince Charles, who was four, would attend but would not have an active role.

Elsewhere in the issue, the London designer Norman Hartnell, who created the Queen's coronation gown, shared a dress pattern with *Parade* readers. And as for that man under the bearskin hat on our cover? That's six-foot, two-inch, 27-year-old Sgt. Charles Hayes in the Queen's guard. His fancy uniform, which he had to keep in perfect condition even when there wasn't a coronation, cost approximately $150, *Parade* reported. His job on coronation day was to line the parade route from 9 am to 3 pm.

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The Sunday Bulletin

April 20, 1947

More than 75 years ago, *Parade* featured a cover story on Princess Elizabeth celebrating her upcoming 21st birthday. "For her, 1947 is a year when things will happen," the magazine said. No one knew that she would marry Prince Philip in a few months' time and inherit the English throne in 1952 at the young age of 25.

THE FRESNO BEE
Parade

May 10, 1959

A visit to Chicago to help celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway was the occasion for this royal cover. Mayor Richard J. Daley shared this welcoming message, "The people of Chicago and mid-America look forward to extending the hand of friendship and hospitality to the Royal Family."

THE FRESNO BEE
Parade
WHY I FIGHT FIDEL CASTRO

January 3, 1960

There was a baby on the way in the royal family—and not just any baby. This child would be the first born to a reigning monarch in 103 years. *Parade* and royal pundits predicted it would be named Mary, after Queen Mary, or Andrew, after his paternal grandfather, Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark.

Topeka Capital-Journal
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THE ROYAL WEDDING
WHY LADY DIANA IS THE PRINCESS BRITAIN NEEDS
WHY PRINCE CHARLES CAN MARRY FOR LOVE

July 26, 1981

Our "The Royal Wedding" cover celebrating the nuptials of Diana Spencer and Prince Charles didn't stand the test of time. Case in point, these coverlines: "Why Lady Diana is the Princess Britain Needs" and "Why Prince Charles Can Marry for Love."

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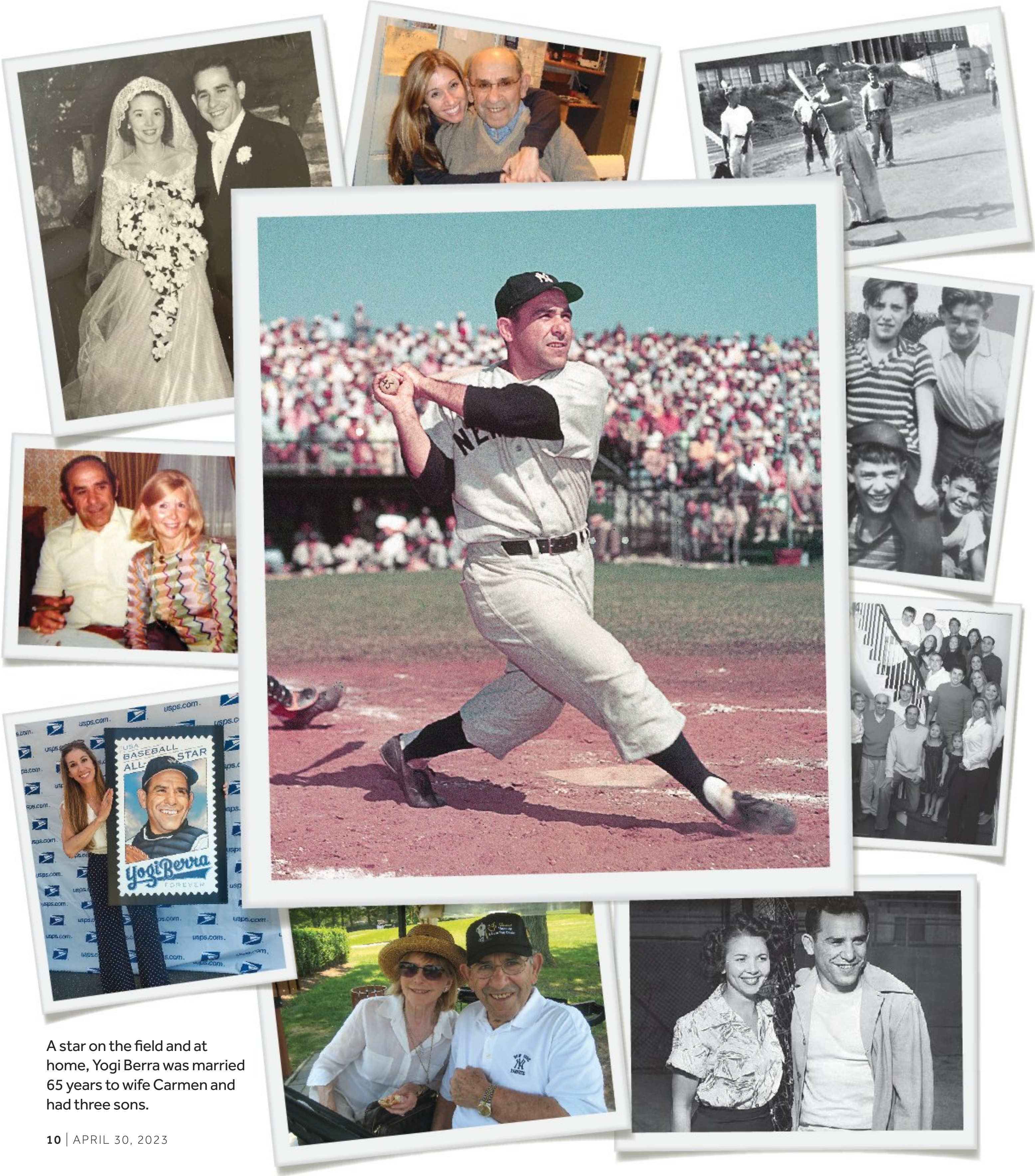
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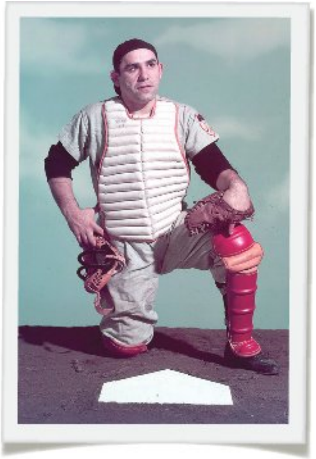
A star on the field and at home, Yogi Berra was married 65 years to wife Carmen and had three sons.

THE REAL YOGI BERRA

Baseball's overlooked superstar finally gets his due in a new documentary, *It Ain't Over*.

BY PETER MOORE



A LOT OF PEOPLE misunderestimate Yogi Berra. Maybe you do, too?

Yes, he's the master of the malaprop. (Or "bonaprop," as the *New York Times* columnist William Safire called it, which is when the "mistake" or made-up word is better than the correct one.) But Yogi's baseball record is also a kind of tongue twister, because there's so much to give him credit for.

He's a baseball Hall of Famer, a three-time MVP, a 13-time champion as a player and manager and he holds a ball-bag full of World Series records: games played (75), at-bats (259), hits (71), doubles (10), singles (49), games caught (63) and catcher putouts (457). *And* he hit the first pinch-hit home run in World Series history.

As Casey Stengel (not Yogi) said: "You could look it up."

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from page 11

And you may want to, after you watch the new documentary ***It Ain't Over* (in theaters May 12th)**. It redefines the lovable goofball we all *think* we know, in terms that are more complimentary and also more realistic. Yogi, born Lawrence Peter Berra, worked the most punishing position in the game: catcher. He holds the record for his errorless streak behind the dish: 148 games, in 1959. "No one will ever match his streak," says former Yankee catcher and World Series-winning manager Joe Girardi. "No one will ever even approach it." And by all accounts, he set records as one of the nicest people ever to play or manage the game, as well.

LINDSAY BERRA
GRANDDAUGHTER

> "My grandpa is the most-quoted guy along with Jesus and Shakespeare, and they're losing ground."

Joe Posznanski, author of the definitive baseball sorting-hat (and provoker of barroom arguments) *The Baseball 100*, says flatly: "Yogi Berra is the greatest winner in the history of baseball."

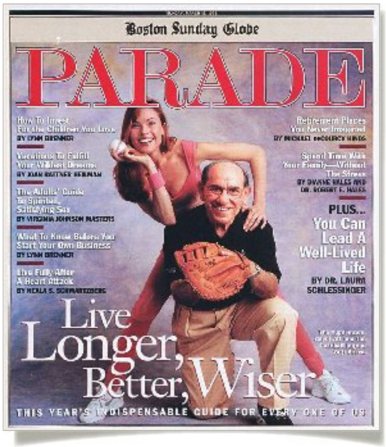
And yet, in 2015, Johnny Bench, along with Willie Mays, Sandy Koufax and Hank Aaron, were declared baseball's greatest living players based on a poll of 25 million fans. The four were introduced before the All-Star Game in Cincinnati that year, and the crowd roared. But here's the weird thing: That other great—Yogi Berra—was alive and well that night, watching the game with his granddaughter, Lindsay Berra.

Says Lindsay, in the film: "I'm sitting next to my grandfather. And I'm thinking: *He's got more MVPs than any of these guys. He's won more World Series rings than all four of them combined.* I looked at him and said, 'Are you dead?' And he said, 'Not yet.' I don't know how 25 million baseball fans can leave him off of that list."

YOGI ON *PARADE*

MARCH 15, 1998
"NEVER SLOW DOWN"

Set goals and always exercise were two bits of advice baseball hall-of-famer Yogi Berra shared in *Parade*'s cover story on living long and well (that's model **Carol Alt** with him). The three-time MVP outlined his exercise routine: "I work out five days a week: 2.5 miles on the treadmill. I also walk and stretch." As for aging well, at two months shy of his 73 birthday the famed catcher got a little philosophical. "Enjoy your family. Keep busy. And never slow down," he told *Parade*. "Each year gets faster."


Boston Sunday Globe
PARADE
How To Invest For the Children You Love
BY LYNN BRENNER
Vacations To Fulfill Your Wildest Dreams
BY JOAN RATTNER HEILMAN
The Adults' Guide To Spirited, Satisfying Sex
BY VIRGINIA JOHNSON MASTERS
What To Know Before You Start Your Own Business
BY LYNN BRENNER
Live Fully After A Heart Attack
BY NEALA S. SCHWARTZBERG
Retirement Places You Never Imagined
BY MICHAEL deCOURCY HINDS
Spend Time With Your Family—Without The Stress
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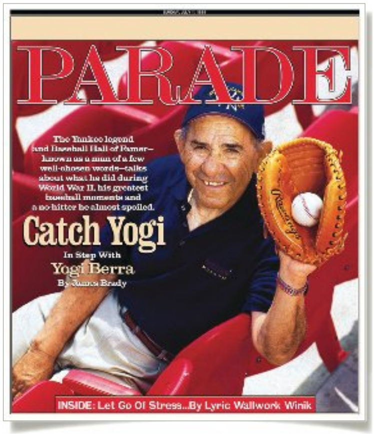
Live Longer, Better, Wiser
THIS YEAR'S INDISPENSABLE GUIDE FOR EVERY ONE OF US

JULY 11, 1999
"A WORLD SERIES CATCHER"

Catchers are often big guys, but at his best, former Yankee Berra told writer James Brady, he was 5 foot, 7 1/2 inches, and 195 pounds. Perhaps not a giant among men but certainly a baseball giant. He recounted one of his greatest moments: catching Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series. "I wasn't nervous about the perfect game," Yogi said. "What I was nervous about was we were only two runs ahead. Remember, I was catching Floyd Bevens in the [1947] World Series when he had a no-hitter in the ninth, and we ended up losing." Don Larsen and the Yankees won that game and went on to win their 17th World Series. The final out in game seven gave us one of the most enduring images in baseball history: Yogi Berra leapt into Larsen's arms.


PARADE
The Yankee legend and Baseball Hall of Famer—known as a man of a few well-chosen words—talks about what he did during World War II, his greatest baseball moments and a no-hitter he almost spoiled.
Catch Yogi
In Step With
Yogi Berra
By James Brady
INSIDE: Let Go Of Stress...By Lyric Wallwork Winik

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Maybe they did because Yogi was just too busy having fun to be an immortal. He's the guy who, when asked by a female reporter if the chocolate drink "Yoohoo" was hyphenated, retorted: "Lady, it ain't even carbonated." The guy who advised all of us mortals to "go to your friends' funerals. Otherwise, they might not go to yours." (In case you're wondering, his funeral in Montclair, N.J., in September 2015, was crowded with luminaries, and the streets outside were packed.)

This is the guy who told visitors coming over to his house for the first time, "when you get to a fork in the road, you should take it."

JOE GIRARDI
CATCHER / MANAGER

"[Yogi] was how God designed people to be."

George H.W. Bush quoted that line in a speech. Ronald Reagan agreed with Yogi that "it ain't over until it's over" and Bill Clinton asserted, like Yogi, that "we may be lost, but we're making good time." And when, in November 2015, Yogi was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Barack Obama quoted another of his greatest hits: "If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."

Says Lindsay: "My grandpa is the most-quoted guy along with Jesus and Shakespeare, and they're losing ground."

But Yogi had a lesser-known claim to fame away from the baseball diamond. At 18, in 1942, he was a renowned catching prospect coming out of American League ball in St. Louis, and he had a rookie contract with the Yankees (plus a $500 signing bonus!) in his back pocket. So what did the phenom do? With World War II looming, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, even though he didn't know how to swim, and then doubled down by volunteering for a secret mission. That's how he found himself on a rocket boat during the D-Day invasion, giving cover to soldiers landing on Omaha beach.

"I wasn't scared," he said. "It looked like the 4th of July."

The day after the invasion, his mission was to pull his dead comrades out of the water. Says Lindsay: "He was incredibly grateful to have made it through D-Day. He saw how terrible the world can be, and yet he made a living playing a little kid's game. It made him more appreciative of life, of just being here."

Yogi was wounded during the invasion, but never filed for his Purple Heart. His reasoning: He didn't want to worry his mother.

And yet, even his military service made him the butt of a joke. When he finished his service in the Navy, he reported to the Yankees clubhouse still wearing his uniform. "That's the Berra kid they're talking about?" said a skeptical bystander. "He don't look much like a ballplayer." Peter Sheehy, the clubhouse manager, followed up with, "He don't look much like a sailor either." Joe DiMaggio compared him to a fire hydrant.

But looks aren't everything. In his first year as a Yankee he played eight games and hit two home runs. The rest is baseball history.

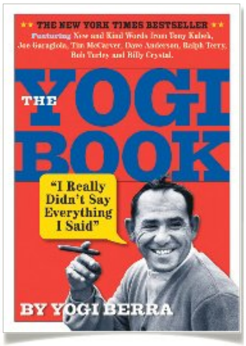
"There he was, in the middle of all of these glamorous players," says sportscaster Bob Costas, "playing for baseball's most glamorous franchise, and yet he himself wasn't glamorous at all. But the statistics tell you he was a great player, and underappreciated, and the documentary corrects that. It's the deeply American story of an Italian kid from St. Louis, the son of immigrant parents, who became admired for his good nature and decency."

Says Joe Girardi: "[Yogi] was how God designed people to be."

And, it turns out, Yogi was even a good guy to turn to for dating advice. When Lindsay, a sportswriter, told her grandpa about interviewing a very handsome tennis player for an article, he told her: "You should date him."

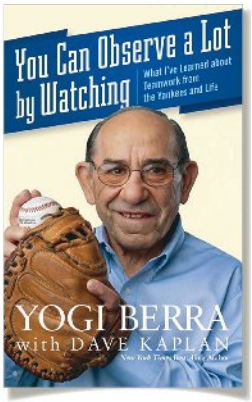
"Gramps," Lindsay replied, "he dates a swimsuit model."

"'*You* got swimsuits," Yogi said.


THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
Featuring New and Kind Words from Tony Kubek, Joe Garagiola, Tim McCarver, Dave Anderson, Ralph Terry, Bob Turley and Billy Crystal.
THE YOGI BOOK
"I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said"
BY YOGI BERRA

In 1999, Yogi Berra released a new book of many of his most famous sayings. *The Yogi Book: I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said!* ***amazon.com, $8.***

In 2009, he cowrote *You Can Observe A Lot by Watching: What I've Learned About Teamwork From the Yankees and Life* with Dave Kaplan. **amazon.com, $6**


You Can Observe a Lot by Watching
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YOGI BERRA
with DAVE KAPLAN

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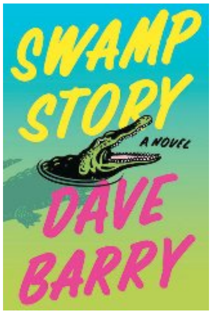
SPRING INTO THESE 10 NEW BOOKS

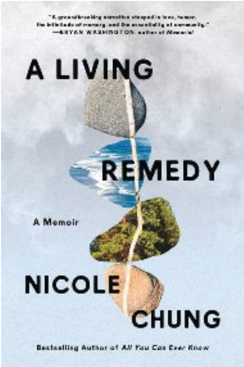
Enjoy these new releases while the weather warms up. **BY ELIZABETH HELD**

SWAMP STORY
by Dave Barry


SWAMP STORY
A NOVEL
DAVE BARRY

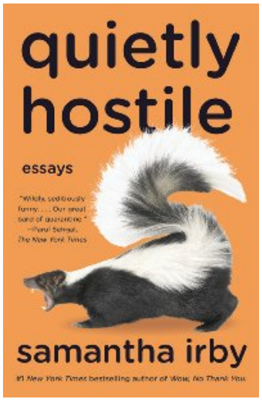
Get ready to laugh out loud with Dave Barry's return to fiction, *Swamp Story* (May 2, Simon & Schuster). It's a hilarious Sunshine State caper starring a single mom who stumbles upon buried treasure, her wannabe-reality-star ex-boyfriend and a store owner attempting to attract tourists by making viral videos of the "Everglades Melon Monster." The Pulitzer Prize-winner and self-described "Florida Man" always delivers the laughs, and *Swamp Story* is no exception. **$26, amazon.com**

A LIVING REMEDY
by Nicole Chung


A LIVING
REMEDY
A Memoir
NICOLE
CHUNG

Nicole Chung's searing memoir, *A Living Remedy* (Ecco), documents the grief she feels after losing both her parents in two years—and her anger towards the health care system that failed to treat them. With nearly 60 percent of Americans reporting they can't afford a $1,000 emergency expense, it's a poignant book that's sure to resonate widely. **$23, amazon.com**

QUIETLY HOSTILE
by Samantha Irby


quietly
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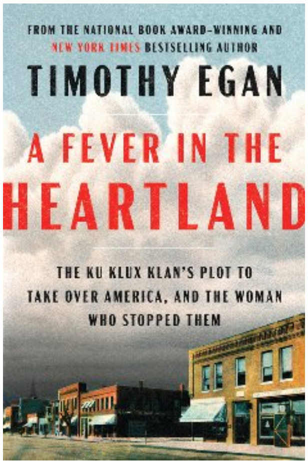
samantha irby

In her latest essay collection, *Quietly Hostile* (May 16, Vintage), Samantha Irby engages readers with her characteristic combination of laugh-out-loud moments, heartfelt passages and plenty of awkward experiences. Covering topics ranging from Dave Matthews Band and *Sex and the City* to adopting a pandemic pup and bathroom etiquette, *Quietly Hostile* will delight established fans and newcomers alike. **$15, amazon.com**

A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND
by Timothy Egan


FROM THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD-WINNING AND NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
TIMOTHY EGAN
A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND
THE KU KLUX KLAN'S PLOT TO TAKE OVER AMERICA, AND THE WOMAN WHO STOPPED THEM

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist's new nonfiction thriller, *A Fever in the Heartland* (Viking), documents the Ku Klux Klan's rise to power in the Midwest and West during the 1920s—and the seemingly powerless woman who took them down. Equal parts devastating in its depiction of racism and enthralling in its storytelling, it's a book anyone looking to learn more about America's history should read. **$25, amazon.com**

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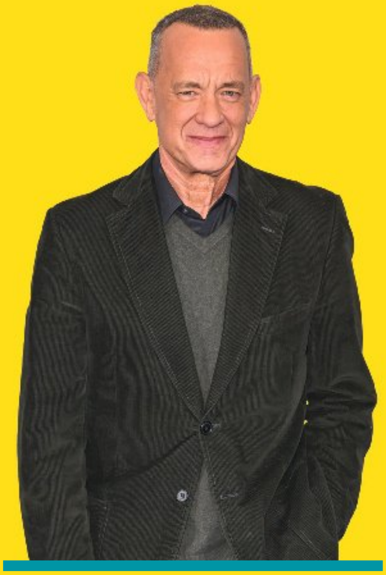
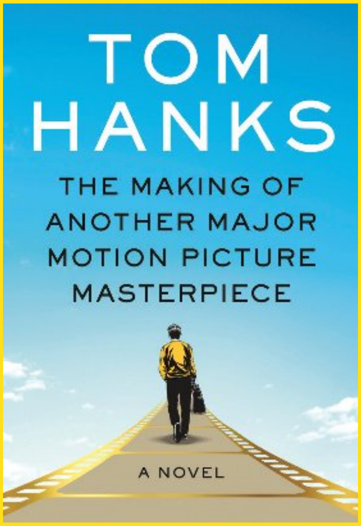


THE MAKING OF ANOTHER MAJOR MOTION PICTURE MASTERPIECE

by Tom Hanks

Beloved actor Tom Hanks's funny and heartfelt new novel, *The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece* (May 9, Knopf), brings movie magic to the book world. Spanning more than 70 years, it chronicles the production of a star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero movie and the comic books that inspired it. As a bonus, the novel includes three comic books created by Hanks himself. Cinephiles won't want to miss this one. **$27, amazon.com**



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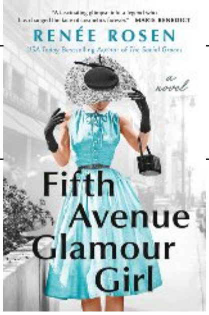
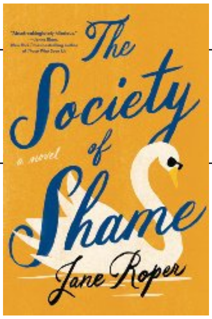
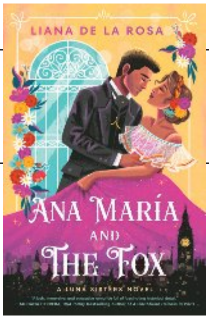
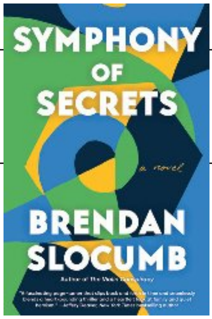








FIFTH AVENUE GLAMOUR GIRL by Renée Rosen

USA Today bestselling author Renée Rosen offers a fascinating fictional take on the life of Estée Lauder, the woman behind the famous cosmetics company, in *Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl* (Berkley Books). The narrative focuses on Gloria Downing, a young woman who dreams of reinventing herself after a family scandal. A chance encounter with the ambitious Estée leads to a friendship that changes both their lives. It's an inspiring tale about a woman's determination to become a household name. **$15, amazon.com**

ANA MARÍA AND THE FOX by Liana De la Rosa

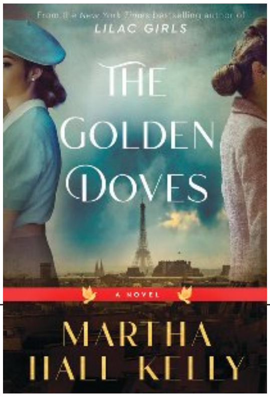
Fans of Netflix's *Bridgerton* will love *Ana María and the Fox* (Berkley Books), the first installment in a sizzling new romance series. After Ana María Luna Valdés and her sisters flee French-occupied Mexico and move to London, she meets Gideon Fox, the son of a Scotsman and a biracial English woman who fought for a position in Parliament. As he fights to abolish the Atlantic slave trade, he's distracted by Ana María. When an aristocrat threatens her, Gideon risks his political future by marrying her, and a marriage of convenience blossoms into something more. **$15, amazon.com**

THE SOCIETY OF SHAME by Jane Roper

When Kathleen Held goes viral, it's not because her Senate-candidate husband had an oh-so-cliché affair with a young staffer. Instead, she's catapulted to fame because a photographer caught a period stain on her pants. Overnight, she becomes an unwilling meme and attempts to find a way to hide from the public eye. But, when she's contacted by the Society of Shame, a group of people trying to overcome their own scandals, she learns to channel her new notoriety for good. **$22, amazon.com**

SYMPHONY OF SECRETS by Brendan Slocumb

Brendan Slocumb's follow-up to his hit novel, *The Violin Conspiracy*, takes readers back into the competitive world of classical music. When music professor Bern Hendricks discovers a renowned American composer may have stolen work from Black and Indigenous musicians, he finds himself the target of a powerful organization determined to suppress the truth. Alternating between the present day and the 1920s Manhattan jazz scene, *Symphony of Secrets* (Anchor) will draw fans of classical music and thrillers alike. **$25, amazon.com**



THE GOLDEN DOVES by Martha Hall Kelly

Fans of Martha Hall Kelly's bestseller *Lilac Girls* won't want to miss her latest novel, *The Golden Doves* (Ballantine Books). The new installment shares the harrowing tale of two former female spies—an American, Josie, and a Parisian, Arlette—known for stealing Nazi secrets during World War II. Years after the war, they team up again to embark on a new dual mission: to take down an infamous doctor and find Arlette's kidnapped son. **$26, amazon.com**

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THE BFF ISSUE

Ask Marilyn

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT

Is possession of a photographic memory a fact or a myth? I'm not referring to people who use memory tricks.

—R. Delling, Long Island, New York

It's a fantasy—one that probably didn't exist before cameras were invented. A memory that stores visual information like photos would constitute one that retained a movie of countless single images of one's life (or at least one's recent years or days) in mind.

A few rare and fascinating types of memories exist, but they are either extremely narrow or fleeting. An example of the narrow kind is the ability to recite the value of pi to tens of thousands of digits or being able to specify the day of the week upon which a given date fell. ("August 11, 1946? Why, that was a Sunday!")

Or we could consider the concept to mean a memory function that could be turned on at will to operate like a still camera. A real-life (but not photographic) example of this fleeting memory is called eidetic imagery: A person, usually a child, can carefully study, say, a poster and then describe it in abundant—but not perfect—detail for a very short period of time; up to a minute or two. The memory then evaporates. It's similar to an enhanced form of short-term memory that fades by adulthood.

Interesting displays of memory, whether natural or acquired through arduous practice, have no relationship to intelligence.

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

THE WORD PROBLEM

APRIL 28, 2002

What do the following 10 words have in common?

I, up, out, your, query, tiptoe, writeup, property, etiquette and **repertoire?**

—Heather B., Centreville, Va.

THE DOLLAR QUESTION

JANUARY 30, 1994

Why are 1993 dollar bills worth more than 1992 dollar bills?

—Joel Jackson, Trumbull, Conn.

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THE DOLLAR QUESTION

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THE WORD PROBLEM

I
UP
OUT
YOUR
QUERY
TIPTOE
WRITEUP
PROPERTY
ETIQUETTE
REPERTOIRE

The answer to what these 10 words have in common is:

All 10 words can be typed using only the top row of letters on a standard keyboard.

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CAN YOU NAME IT? QUIZ (FROM PAGE 7)

1. **B. MEGAN FOX** was a **GIANT BANANA** for a smoothie shop in Florida. "Once a week, usually on Fridays, someone had to dress up as a piece of fruit and go out and stand by the highway. I was a banana, a giant banana. It was weird," she said. "And what was bad about it was that your face wasn't hidden; there was a thing cut out for your face."

2. **C. TAYLOR SWIFT PICKED PRAYING MANTIS PODS** off the trees on her family's Pennsylvania Christmas tree farm. "We collected them so the bugs wouldn't hatch inside people's houses," she reported.

3. **A. DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON** started developing those biceps at age 13 as a **DISHWASHER** at Emilio's Pizza in Honolulu (where he made $3.45 an hour).

4. **A. BEYONCÉ SWEPT FLOORS** at Headliners, the hair salon in Houston owned by her mother, Tina Knowles. "From 6 to 9 years old, I would sing and put on little shows by myself for the women who wanted a hot press and curl and some good conversation," she said. "I helped sweep hair off the floor for tips to pay for my season pass to Six Flags. I still love a good roller-coaster ride."

5. **C. NICOLE KIDMAN** was a **MASSAGE THERAPIST** in Sydney when she was 17. "Well, my mother had breast cancer, and when you go through radiation you get terrible seizure of the muscles, so I took a massage course, and then I liked doing it, so I started to go around to people's houses and do massages—not those sort of massages, just regular massages," she said. "I still love giving people massages."

6. **A, B & C. WHOOPIE GOLDBERG** worked as a **BRICKLAYER**, a **MORGUE BEAUTICIAN** and a **BANK TELLER** while awaiting her big acting break.

7. **B.** Basketball legend **ISAIAH THOMAS SHINED SHOES** in Chicago when he was 10. "I used to charge 25 cents a shine, 35 cents a spit shine and 50 cents for a wax. If I made $10, that was a really, really good day. I learned to be humble and that if I had to be on my hands and knees shining shoes to earn money, then that's what I had to do."

8. **A, B & C.** When he first arrived in L.A., 23-year-old **BRAD PITT** did all sorts of odd jobs, "like **DRESSING UP AS A CHICKEN** and being a **DELIVERY BOY**. I was **DRIVING STRIPPERS AROUND** on weekends to make extra money. I'd take them to bachelor parties," he said. "I did that for about two months and then I couldn't hang with it. But then on the last night I drove, one of the new strippers told me about an acting class that her friend Charlie Sheen went to. I figured, If it's good enough for Charlie, it's good enough for me."

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9. **B.** At 13, **GENE SIMMONS** (of KISS) was a **PAPERBOY** in Queens. "I delivered the Long Island Star-Journal in Jackson Heights, Queens, known as the Long Island Press on Sundays," he said. "Later, I picked up a second route, since I could put those papers in the same shopping cart. I had discovered you could make almost twice the money without putting in twice the time." His salary: $37.50 a week for the first route; $28 a week for the second.

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